

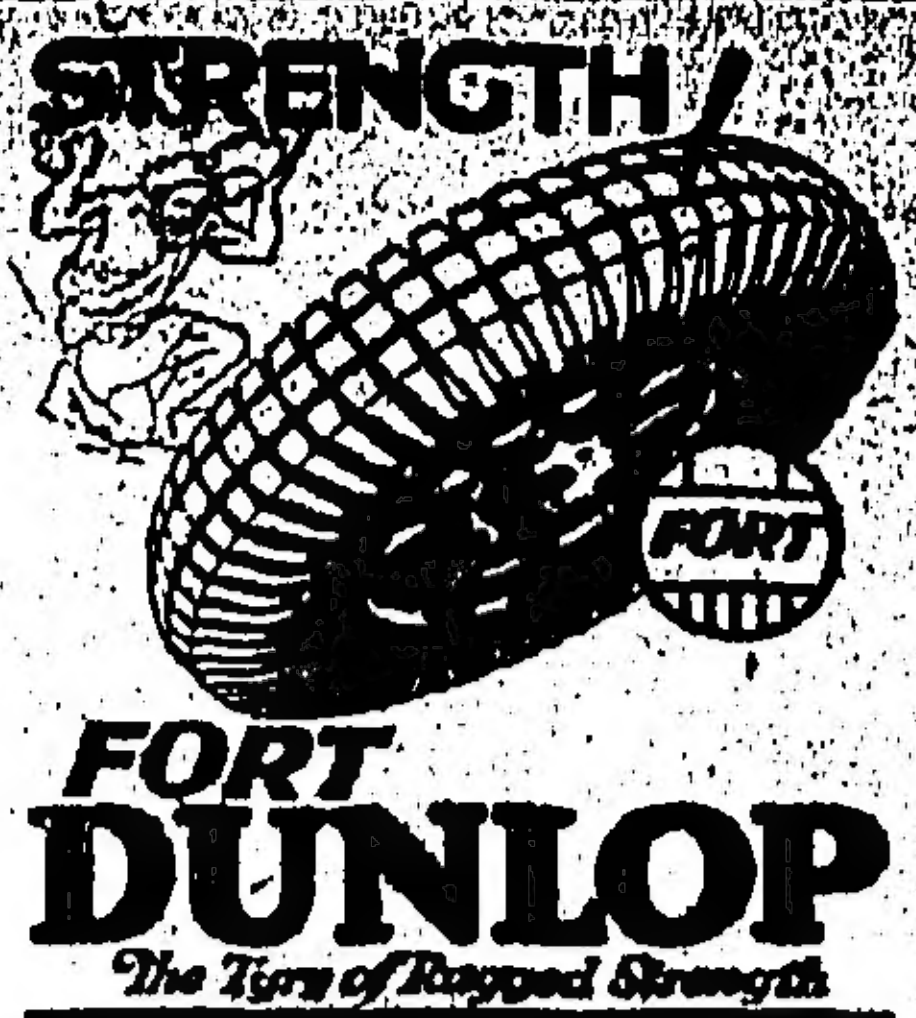
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THE CRISIS IN THE COALFIELDS.

STOPPAGE IMMINENT IN SOUTH WALES.

OWNERS REJECT NATIONAL COAL BOARD SCHEME.

POSTING OWN TERMS.

A COMPLETE stoppage in the South Wales coalfield to-day or to-morrow seems inevitable. The owners have refused to recognise the recommendations of the National Coal Board regarding the working of the spreadover, and have submitted alternative proposals, which the miners have rejected.

Under the arrangement demanded by the owners, the men would lose a day's pay every fortnight, and would work only three hours less than the maximum permitted under the spreadover regulations. Efforts to reach an agreement are continuing, but there is little prospect of a successful issue.

The terms of the owners are being posted at the pitheads to-day, which means that no miner will go down unless he is prepared to accept them.

MINERS DECIDE TO STAND FIRM.

London, Dec. 30. Coal-owners and miners in South Wales failed to agree at Cardiff to-day upon the terms for the extension of the temporary agreement for the spreadover of hours, which expires to-morrow.

A stoppage in the New Year is inevitable, failing a last minute change in the position.

The Secretary of the South Wales Branch of the Miners' Federation, Mr. Richards, said that the breakdown occurred after a discussion lasting two hours, when the owners "paid no regard to legality or humanity."

Mr. Gibson, the Secretary of the coal-owners' organisation, said: "The men failed to accept our terms."

He added that the terms would be posted at the pitheads as soon as possible.

The action likely to be taken by the miners will depend upon a delegate conference which is being held at Cardiff this afternoon.

Coal Board Recommendation.

Simultaneously, the Report of the National Coal Board on the South Wales dispute was issued in London to-day. It appreciates that the temporary spreadover arrangement entered into by the miners on November 29 had the effect of reducing the earnings of the workers. The South Wales Miners' Federation proposed a redistribution of hours, namely, seven and three-quarter hours for five days and six and a quarter hours on Saturdays.

Twelve-Day Fortnight.

The Report says that such a redistribution would, only be possible by an agreement between the parties, for the Coal Mines Act prohibits more than 7½ hours work daily.

The Board, therefore, recommends a maximum of 7 hours 40 minutes work daily for five days, and seven hours on Saturday, establishing the principle of twelve working days, including both Saturdays in a ninety-hour fortnight.

Owners' Terms.

The temporary agreement which the owners desired to continue during January lays down a system whereby the workers are employed for eight hours daily for five days and seven hours on Saturday in the first week and eight hours daily and no work on the second Saturday, making a total of an 87-hour fortnight. Instead of the ninety hours allowed to the spreadover system under the Act, it appears that the South Wales Miners' leader favoured

the acceptance of the terms recommended by the National Coal Board, but the coal-owners refused to recognise them, contending that a redistribution of hours was impossible unless accompanied by a reduction in wages.

The delegate conference of the South Wales miners held a long meeting this afternoon. In the evening it was announced that the men had decided to reject the new terms of the owners, which will now be posted at the collieries to-morrow.

LANCASHIRE STRIKE THREATENED.

ANOTHER SERIOUS STOPPAGE SEEMS PROBABLE.

London, Dec. 30. Another serious labour stoppage is probable on January 5th, the date on which the Lancashire Master Cotton Weavers have announced for the introduction of the "More Looms per Weaver" system.

The Central Committee of the Weavers Amalgamation (an organisation of the operatives) at a meeting to-day decided to withdraw labour from all mills where the system is introduced, while the workers in all other mills will cease work in sympathy.—*Reuter.*

At this juncture, there seems no agency for the prevention of a stoppage in the South Wales coalfield.—*Reuter.*

N. Staffs Compromise.

London, Dec. 30. In North Staffordshire, as well as the manner of working the spreadover is being discussed between the miners and the owners. Both sides are referring the matter to the National Coal Board, and in the meantime work will continue on a day-to-day contract basis.—*British Wireless.*

Crisis in the Ruhr.

Cologne, Dec. 30. The negotiations between the coal-owners and miners in the Ruhr coal industry on the question of wages have broken down. The owners threaten to post notices of dismissal over the whole coalfield on January 15, but Government intervention is expected.—*Reuter.*

JOFFRE RESIGNED TO DEATH.

LAST NIGHT SHOWS MARKED IMPROVEMENT!

TALK WITH GOURARD.

Paris, Dec. 30. "I am going," said Marshal Joffre, who lies dying, to the one-armed Military Governor of Paris, General Gourard, when the old soldier visited the bedside of the Marshal to-day.

General Gourard replied: "Marshal, do you remember Timbuctoo (Marshal Joffre was one of the leaders of the march which resulted in the capture of Timbuctoo in 1893). I was by your side."

The Marshal signalled his recollection of the occasion, and then murmured very softly, "I am going."

His doctors declare that they have never had such a patient as this wonderful old man of seventy-nine, who after lying unconscious for five hours last night, woke up and asked for food and greedily gulped at a glass of milk held out to him.

When he had finished, he said calmly and quietly: "I am going to die."

Marshal Joffre this morning was able to drink another glass of milk, raising the glass with his own hand.

Mr. Barthou, who has been a constant visitor to his old friend Joffre, said on leaving the bedside this morning that the doctors told him the Marshal's condition is hopeless, but he may fight death for several days.

Later. Marshal Joffre's improvement to-night was more marked.—*Reuter.*

MARTIAL LAW IN SMYRNA.

RIGOROUS METHODS IN TURKEY.

Angora, Dec. 30. Martial law has been proclaimed throughout the Province of Smyrna, the centre of the movement against Kemalist regime in Turkey.

The military authorities who failed to suppress the Menemen demonstrations, in which several persons were killed, will be court-martialled and it is expected that many connected with the Menemen revolt will be hanged.

The Government fears that the revolt is not an isolated incident but the first phase of a vast conspiracy for the establishment of a "religious regime."—*Reuter.*

THE CASTE SYSTEM BITTERNESS.

UNTOUCHABLES STAGE A DEMONSTRATION.

Jalgaon, Dec. 30. The rising indignation of the Untouchables against Caste Hindus was vented to-day at a conference when the leaders of the Untouchables protested against "unpleasant treatment" and "unpleasant exclusion from the Caste Conference" which is meeting at Jalgaon simultaneously.

The Untouchables followed up their protest by besieging the meeting-place of the Caste Hindus, squatting at the entrances with a view to obtaining admission.

The Caste Hindus called in the police who dispersed the invaders.—*Reuter.*

SAMPAN CAPSIZES IN HARBOUR.

FAMILY RESCUED BY A LAUNCH.

A sampan, No. 4640V, which was moored near the east wall of the Kowloon Naval Anchorage, early yesterday morning, was capsized through the action of the backwash of a passing junk. The crew, including the boatman and his family who were fishing from the craft, were thrown into the water. They were rescued by the steam-launch Mitsui. One of them, Fung Tsui, was later admitted into the Kwong Wah Hospital, suffering from the effects of the immersion.

DATE CONFUSION AT TRIAL.

IMPORTANT POINTS RAISED.

MIXTURE OF CALENDARS SUGGESTED.

COUNSEL'S COMMENT.

Points arising from the difference between the Gregorian and Chinese calendars were commented upon by Mr. F. C. Jenkin at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when the arson trial was resumed before Mr. Justice Wood and a jury. The matter arose out of evidence of dates because the English dates given at the Sessions differed from those mentioned in the Police Court, and it was suggested that in one case the Chinese calendar might have been used and the Gregorian calendar in the other.

On Mr. Jenkin's application, the Insurance broker was recalled on evidence which he gave to the

HUGE ISSUE OF BONDS BY CHINA.

To Meet Losses Caused by Likin Abolition.

SIX MILLION DOLLARS.

Nanking, Dec. 30. With the object of meeting the huge decrease in revenue which is expected in consequence of the abolition of Likin, the National Government is floating on January 1st, 1931, \$60,000,000 worth of Treasury Bonds, bearing interest at 8.4 per cent. and to be redeemed within six and a half years.

The Bonds will be secured on the new Cigarette Excise Duty, and the issue price will be 98.—*Reuter.*

effect that he saw first prisoner for the first time at No. 77, Wing Lok Street in the seventh month, the interpreter giving the date as between August 24 and September 21.

After having checked up his own note with his Lordship's, Mr. Jenkin reminded witness of this evidence, and he agreed that he had said it. He said he could not be quite certain of the date.

Explanation Sought.

Saying that he was going to draw witness's attention to an apparent change in his evidence and ask for an explanation, Mr. Jenkin asked him if he remembered giving evidence before the Magistrate, receiving a reply in the affirmative.

Mr. Jenkin:—Do you remember making this statement, "No. 1 was introduced to me by Wan Chiu in July last?"—It is a mistake in the depositions.

Whose mistake? The Magistrate? I would not put the blame on anybody. It might have been my mistake, or the mistake of the interpreter or Magistrate.

His Lordship pointed out that July was the seventh month in the Gregorian calendar, which might explain the discrepancy.

Mr. Jenkin:—Can you remember what words you used?—I said "in the seventh month."

Must Be Cleared Up

Mr. Jenkin said that the error appeared to have been made in the case of other witnesses, and as the date might be important, it was necessary to clear it up.

Mr. Jenkin:—In fact, your evidence at the Police Court was that the insurance negotiations were commenced in July and you now say it was sometime between August 24 and September 21, you will see that you are bringing the insurance negotiations much closer to the fire?

No. His Lordship remarked that witness was quite clear in his mind that he had given the same evidence in both Courts.

Mr. Jenkin agreed, saying he thought that the interpreter at (Continued)

SPEED ON LAND & IN AIR.

MAJ. CAMPBELL NOW ALMOST READY FOR TEST.

SCHNEIDER CONTEST.

London, Dec. 30. In the last few days mechanics have made a trial assembly of the car in which Captain Malcolm Campbell will attack at Dayton Beach the speed record made by the late Sir Henry Segrave.

The twelve-cylinder 1,400 horsepower engine, although twice as powerful as an express railway engine, is only five feet long and three feet wide. Designed originally for the Gloster Napier seaplane, the special permission of the Air Ministry has been obtained for its use.

A series of experiments on stream lining, carried out by models in a wind tunnel, preceded the construction of the chassis and body, and resistance has been reduced to a minimum.

Captain Campbell hopes to reach a speed of more than four miles per minute.

The Royal Aero Club to-day received from the Royal Aero Club of Italy official confirmation of the entry of three seaplanes for the Schneider Trophy Race. This represents a challenge to Great Britain as the holder, and renders certain a contest in British waters next September.

The Italian entries were accompanied, as required by the regulations, by a deposit of 500 francs for each competing seaplane, and a bankers' guarantee for 5,000,000 francs.

No other entries had been received up to this evening. According to the recent agreement between the various National Aero Clubs, the time-limit for entries expires at midnight on 31st December.—*British Wireless.*

BURMA UPRISING QUELLED.

REBEL TRIBESMEN PENNED IN JUNGLE.

Rangoon, Dec. 30. Sixty casualties occurred in a clash at Udokein between the rebel tribesmen and Indian troops of the Punjab Regiment yesterday.

Decisive developments are expected shortly to follow the policy of the troops, who have been penning the rebels in the jungle, where food and water is not available.

The company of the Buffs which was ordered to the scene is no longer required and has been recalled to its headquarters.—*Reuter.*

THE EAST BRISTOL BYE-ELECTION.

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS AS LABOUR NOMINEE.

London, Dec. 30. The writ for the East Bristol bye-election was issued to-day, and polling has been fixed for January 16th.

Sir Stafford Cripps, the Solicitor General, is the Labour candidate, and Mr. Edward Baker will contest the seat in the Liberal interest. It is not known whether the Conservatives will enter a candidate.—*British Wireless.*

[The bye-election is caused by the death of Mr. W. J. Baker, the Labour member, who had a majority of 11,621 in the General Election over the Liberal candidate. Mr. E. Baker, who is to fight the seat for the Liberals, is most likely the unsuccessful candidate at the last General Election at Howdenshire and who also failed in the Plating Division of Manchester in 1924.]

DOLLAR'S NEW LOW RECORD.

HEAVY DROP IN TO-DAY'S QUOTATION.

The dollar which was quoted yesterday at 1/1 3/8ths, opened this morning a farthing down at 1/1 1/8th and later in the day was forced to 1/1. Thus the last day of the year sees a new low record for local currency.

GREAT BRITAIN'S VITALITY.

RUGGER DISPUTE IN FRANCE.

INTERNATIONAL CAPS AS BAIT FOR PLAYERS.

MAJERUS REFUSES.

Paris, Dec. 30. A dispute which has been agitating French Rugby since twelve of the premier clubs resigned from the National Federation to mark their protest against French championship methods, and in an attempt to secure the adoption of "British traditions" has come to a head with the approaching international match with Ireland to be played on New Year's Day.

Three members of the French team as selected are required if they decide to play, to enter their club membership for international caps as their clubs are among those who have seceded from the Federation.

Majerus, an old international, has flouted the Federation by remaining staunch to the Stade Francais, one of the leaders in the "rebellion."

The new hooker, however, Porra, who has at length been chosen to represent France, has apparently been unable to resist the temptation and has agreed to resign from the Lyons club and to join an affiliated club.

The decision of the third member is not yet known.—*Reuter.*

RENEWED NATIVE FIGHTING.

SERIOUS BATTLE BETWEEN PONDOS AND BASUTOS.

Johannesburg, Dec. 30. Four have been killed and 76 injured in a tribal fight which broke out between Basutos and Pondos on the Randfontein Estates Mine. It is believed to be the worst fight that has occurred in the West Rand for a quarter of a century.

The fighting began on Christmas Day and is still going on, despite the arrival of mounted and foot police.

Renewed fighting between the natives on the Randfontein Estates has resulted in the deaths of four more of the combatants and injuries to thirty others.

A thousand Basutos and Pondos participated in the battle.—*Reuter.*

LORD MELCHETT'S SUCCESSOR.

SIR HARRY MCGOWAN MENTIONED.

London, Dec. 30. The Star says Sir Harry McGowan will succeed the late Lord Melchett as Chairman of the Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd. Sir Harry Duncan McGowan, was born at Glasgow on June 3rd, 1874, is President and Deputy Chairman of the Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., Deputy Chairman of The Finance Co. of Great Britain and America, Ltd., Deputy Chairman of African Explosives and Industries, Ltd., Director of Canadian Industries, Ltd., of the Midland Bank, and of the General Motors Corporation of New York, as well as Advisory Director of the Overseas Bank, Ltd.

He was honoured with the K.B.E. decoration in 1918.—*Reuter.*

ITALIAN PLOTTERS SENTENCED.

ARRESTED IN PARIS WITH PISTOLS & BOMB.

Paris, Dec. 30. Two Italian Communists, named Lario and Zitter, who were found near the Eiffel Tower on October 28th with automatic pistols, ammunition and a bomb in their possession, were to-day sentenced, respectively to three years and eighteen months' imprisonment. When arrested, they stated that they had come to Paris in order to blow up the Fascist Headquarters.—*Reuter.*

WORLD'S BIGGEST EXPORTER.

POSITION HELD IN THE CRISIS.

SHIPBUILDER'S NOTE OF OPTIMISM.

The world trade crisis has brought out hidden reserves of vitality in Great Britain, which has met the depression in a manner befitting her place in the world. Great Britain is still the world's greatest exporting country.

These are conclusions reached in the annual review of Lloyd's List, published in London yesterday.

London, Dec. 30. Sir James Lithgow, the well-known Scottish shipbuilder, writing in the annual review of Lloyd's List, strikes an optimistic note regarding British trade prospects.

Remarkable Resistance. Great Britain, he says, despite the lamentable condition of her basic trades, still possesses the largest foreign trade per head of the population, in the world, and by comparison with many of her principal competitors, has exhibited remarkable resistance to the forces of reaction.

He goes on to say that the hidden reserves of vitality which the present crisis in world trade and finance has called forth in Great Britain cannot be better exemplified than by the manner in which the Bank of England has resumed, almost without question, her traditional place as the leader of international finance.

Imperialism in Shipping. "Mr. E. H. Watts, writing on 'Low Freights and the Tramp' declares that the remedies for British shipping are frankly Imperialistic—Empire goods carried in Empire ships.

He urges British bankers to exert their influence to obtain preferential treatment overseas, and British shipowners, as a body, to co-operate to remedy the present low freight rates.

Mistake over Russia. Aylmer Vallance, another writer, says that since the War the whole orientation of cargo shipping policy has been based upon the supposition that Russia is definitely out of the picture as an exporter of the prime 'tramp' cargo—grain.

The event has demonstrated that to forget Russia was a cardinal error.

No White Star Dividend. It was disclosed to-day that the White Star Line of the Royal Mail group of shipping companies is not paying a dividend on its Preference shares for the past six months.

It is to be noted, however, that the dividend paid in the previous six months was not earned, but was paid under the Royal Mail guarantee.

The Royal Mail organisation is now unable to fulfil the guarantee as it is again postponing its own Preference dividends, which have not been paid since June, 1929.

Mr. Baldwin's New Year Message. Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the leader of the Conservative Party, issued a New Year Message to-day.

He confidently forecasts "a thoroughgoing policy of national recovery through an emergency tariff."

He promises "Protection for the manufacturer, a guaranteed price to the farmer for wheat, an agreement with the Dominions, which will build up a great Empire trade."

Mr. Baldwin, in his New Year Message, forecasts these developments as achievements of 1931, expressing the opinion that a general election cannot be long delayed, despite the "Tribunal plot" to keep the Socialists out.

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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

SOCIETY SECRETARY DENIES
RUMOURS.

MUI TSAI PROBLEM.

That the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children neither knows nor cares what motive prompted the Home Government in suggesting its formation, was definitely affirmed by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, the new Secretary, when speaking at the annual meeting of the Society, held under the presidency of Sir Shouson Chow, in the City Hall yesterday. Sir Shouson Chow in his address referred to the progress of the Society during its first year, and spoke of the satisfactory financial position which it enjoyed.

Supporting him were the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. S. W. Tao, Mr. T. J. Prior (late Secretary), Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg and Mr. T. N. Chau.

The Year Reviewed.

The President in proposing the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet, said:—You will recollect that the Society was formed only at the end of last January, and when you review the work which has been done during the period covered by the Report, I would ask you to bear in mind that the Society was an entirely new Society and that we have to learn to walk before we can run.

At the Constituent Meeting the founders adopted a constitution which defined in general terms the Aims and Objects of the Society: these you will find printed on the last page of the report. The methods of achieving these aims were not laid down. The first tasks of the Executive Committee were therefore to decide the methods by which the aims of the Society would best be achieved, and to collect the funds necessary for carrying out the work.

An appeal for support was made to a very limited number of persons, and so generous was the response that by the end of March over \$15,000 had been contributed. I might say that practically every person appealed to contributed to the Society, which seems a clear indication that the public is keenly interested in the welfare of children.

Work of Inspector.

The Executive Committee considered it essential that the Society should, as soon as possible, have an Inspector who could devote the whole of his or her time to the investigation of cases, and they thought it best to seek the services of a woman who had experience of child welfare matters. Some difficulty was experienced in finding the right type of person, but in August the Committee secured the service of Miss Seto Wai-sheng, who possesses excellent qualifications, and whose work has been most satisfactory. The number of cases is increasing each month and is likely to continue to increase as the work of the Society becomes better known. Up to Christmas the total number was 39. The work of investigation is cumulative, as old cases have to be kept under supervision. It seems highly probable that by next summer we shall require a second Inspector.

Juvenile Offenders.

The second clause of our Constitution requires us to advocate and promote any amendment of any law which may be considered desirable for the protection of children or in their interests. The Report tells you what the Society has already done in connection with Juvenile Offenders. Our members have urged in the Legislative Council the need for special treatment of child delinquents, and His Excellency the Governor has now appointed a

Committee to report on the measures required for the institution of Juvenile Courts. The Society has submitted to the Government a draft Bill which indicates the measures that we think necessary.

The Government is also taking active steps to secure the early institution of an Industrial Home for boys. It is a sound economic proposition to take special care of the Juvenile Offender. The child who comes into contact with the adult offender is easily influenced by example, and if imprisoned tends to lose his fear of prison, and may grow up to swell the numbers of the criminal class. The figures for the year 1929 show that of 985 boys who came before the Magistrates, 172 had previously appeared in Court. In 1929 no fewer than 131 boys and 5 girls under 16 years of age were sent to prison.

Probation System.

We feel that much expense might be saved and much good done by binding over many of these youthful offenders and appointing probation officers who would keep them under observation, advise them and help them to lead honest lives. We believe that by the general adoption of this system of probation much expense might be saved in the way of gaol accommodation. It has, in England, resulted in the closing of many gaols.

The Society has prepared and printed leaflets to inform the public of the Society's aims, and of the things which constitute offences against children according to our laws, and through the medium of the District Watch Committee, and of the Society's Inspector, over 2,000 of these leaflets have already been distributed in the more densely populated parts of the town.

Financial Position.

Turning to finance, I need only say that we started the tenth month of our existence with the very satisfactory balance of over \$20,000. The expenses of the first nine months have been very small, being slightly under \$1,400. For the ensuing year they will necessarily be much higher, as there will be a full year's salary for one Inspector and possibly part of a year's salary for another. Also the cost of relief work will necessarily be greater as the number of cases increases.

Mr. Prior, one of our joint Honorary Secretaries, has expressed his desire to resign. The work necessarily entails great demands on the Secretary's time, and I wish to express our thanks to Mr. Prior for all that he has done for the Society during the past year. Those who have worked with him know the keen interest which he has shown, and I personally hope that he will continue to help as an active member of the Executive Committee. The General Committee has asked Mr. Hazlerigg to join Mr. T. N. Chau, as Hon. Secretary, and as it is with you to decide whether you will elect him I will ask him now to address you and also to second the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet.

The Society's Policy.

In seconding the adoption of the report, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg said:—I should like in the first place to associate myself with the tribute which our President has paid to Mr. Prior for his work on behalf of the Society. The duties of an Honorary Secretary are onerous and the Society owes a great debt to Mr. Prior for the able way in which he has performed them.

In the next place, as I am offering to take up the duties which Mr. Prior is relinquishing, I wish to make my position clear. I am a Government servant, but, if you elect me to office, I shall in all matters touching the welfare of children, act solely as an officer of the Society, and shall not be in any sense whatsoever an instrument of Governmental control of the Society's activities. There are certain matters touching the Society's policy on which

I wish to speak to you. I have heard two suggestions about the Society. One was that the formation of the Society was a mere "eye-wash" to help the Home Government to counter the agitation in England concerning the *mul tai* system. As to this, I believe I shall be voicing the unanimous opinion of our members when I say that this Society neither knows nor cares what motive actuated the Home Government in suggesting its formation. The members of the Society, at their first meeting in this hall, adopted a Constitution which gives to the Society the widest possible sphere of activity in the interests of children. In that sphere of activity the Society is moving and will continue to move according to its conscience and free from all Government control.

"Mul Tai" Problem.

The Society is not an "Anti-mul tai Society." There already exists an organisation whose activities are limited to that work. In the matter of *mul tai*, the Society has ranged itself on the side of the law and has distributed leaflets in which attention is called to offences in connection with *mul tai*. Further, if any case concerning a *mul tai* is brought to the Society's notice, it will champion the cause of that *mul tai* just as it would champion the cause of any neglected or ill-treated child.

The second suggestion which I have heard is that the Society is unnecessary and will do nothing to do. The Report tells you what the Society has already done in the way of the investigation and treatment of cases, and in the promotion of legislation for the better treatment of Juvenile Offenders.

Child Beggars.

May I suggest one or two other matters which occur to me as demanding attention. There is the problem of the action to be taken as to child beggars. This is a different matter and will probably need special legislation. There is the problem of the prevalent overcrowding in ill-ventilated houses, with the inevitable concomitant of a high incidence of tuberculosis among children. And out of this has arisen the further problem of the provision of Sanatoria where child sufferers can receive the requisite institutional treatment.

And here is one more problem. The report of the Inspector General of Police for the year 1929 states that during that year the police found in the streets and elsewhere the bodies of 1,851 children, which is three times the European population of the Peak at the last census: what a pitiful state of affairs!

We call for the registration of *mul tai* so that their lives may be observed. In a Colony where the bodies of nearly 2,000 children are cast on the streets in one year it seems almost necessary to ask for the registering and keeping trace of the whereabouts of every child. The statement certainly indicates a breakdown of our system of the registration of births and deaths.

I hope that the members of this Society who sit in the Legislative Council of the Colony, will make it their business to ask at an early date whether the police discovered the parents or others responsible for the custody of those dead children, whether any prosecutions were instituted for failure to register deaths, and, above all, whether any inquests were held and whether the causes of the deaths were discovered. The

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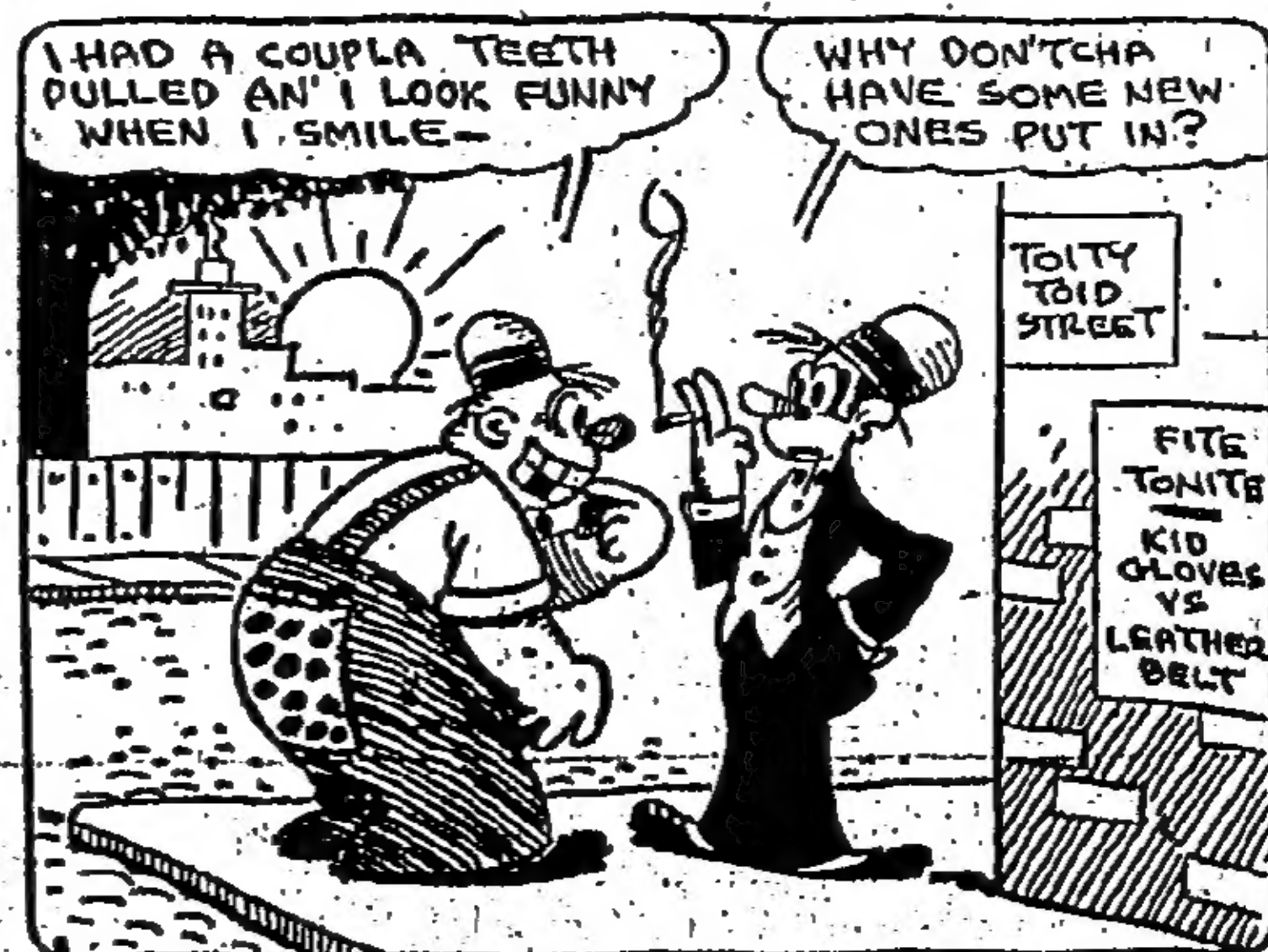
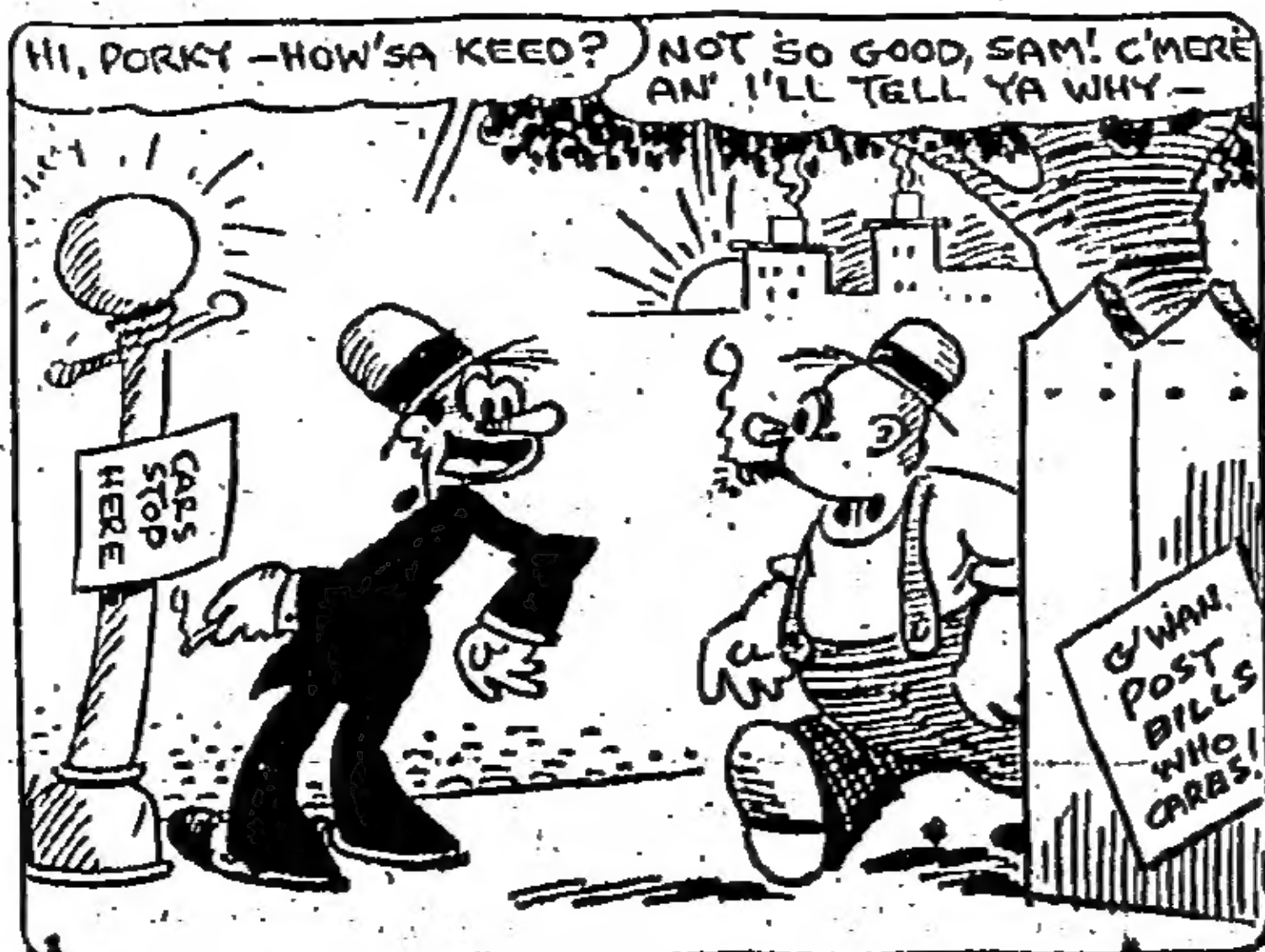
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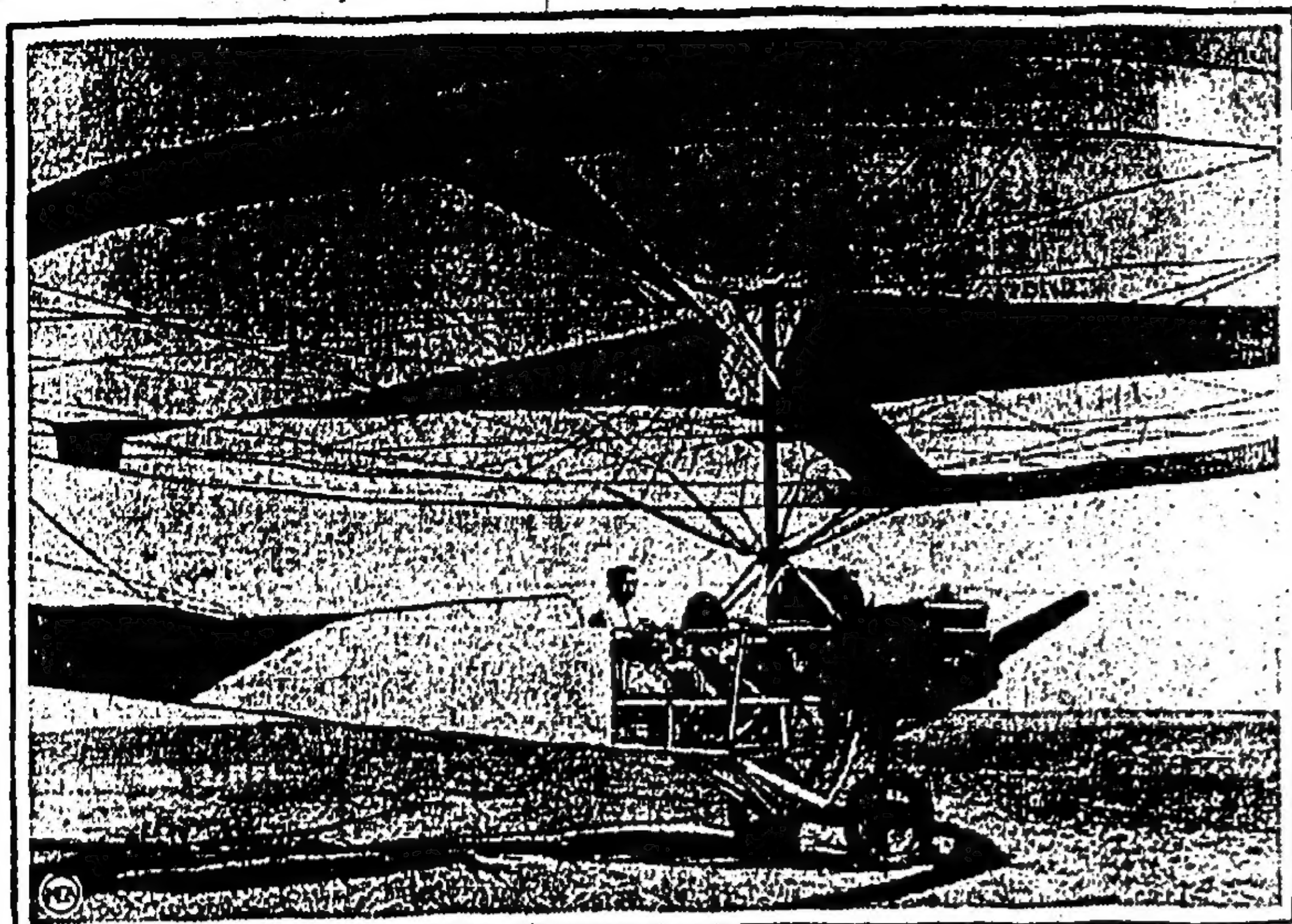
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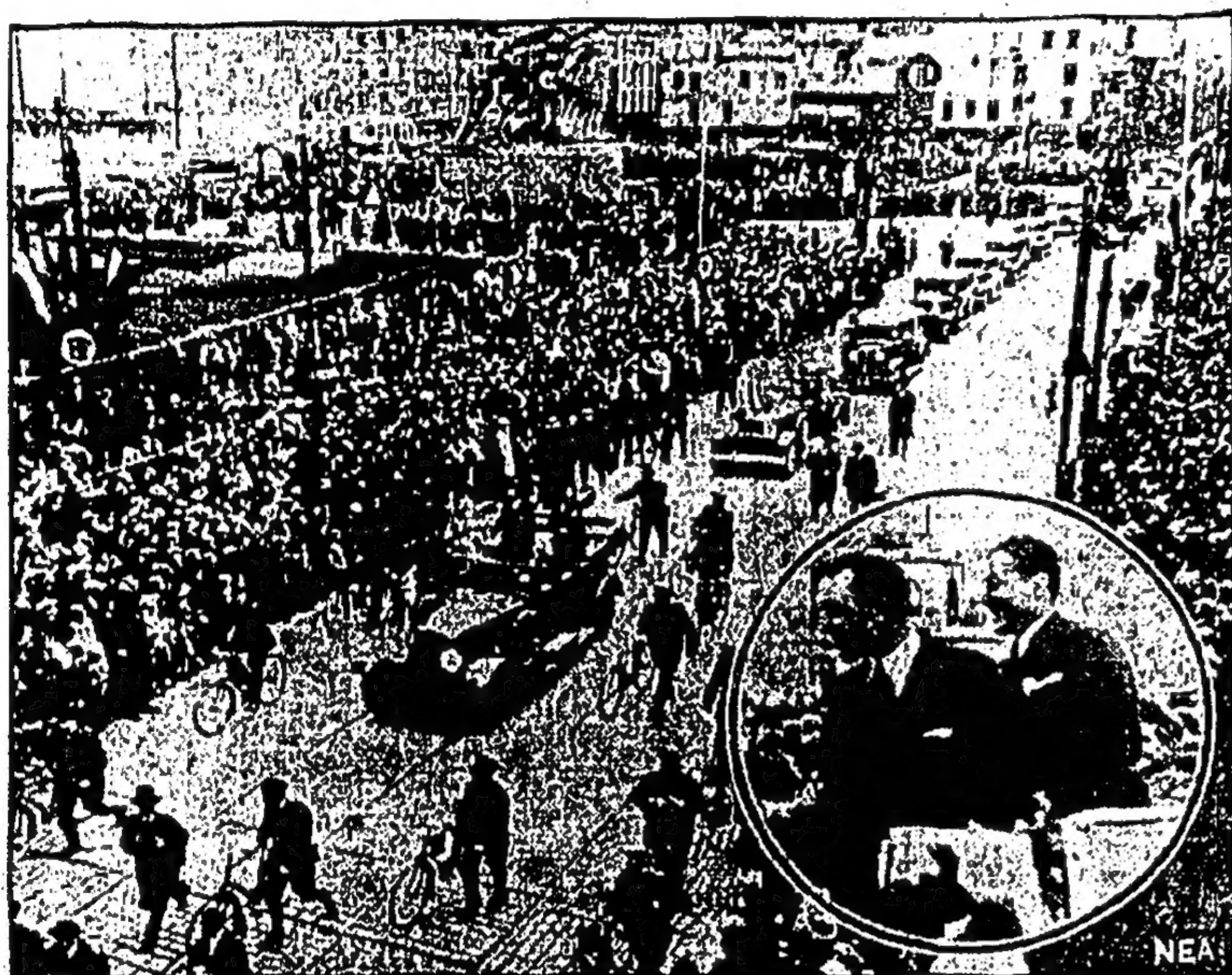
This complicated piece of machinery is not a merry-go-round but a strange type of aircraft invented by an American, Mr. Jesse Langdon, shown in the pilot's seat. Its helicopter propeller and wide circular rim are supposed to act both as a gyroscope and "rotor" on the Flettner principle.



Dr. Pfriml, left, and Prince von Stachenburg, Austrian Fascist leaders, reviewing their "forces" after Hitler's success.



Whistling at two years is the unique feat of Miss Selma Koplin, above.



Our photo shows the crowds that lined the streets of Havre to greet Costa and Bellonte on their return to France from America. Inset shows a close-up as the airmen bowed to the throngs from a motor-car. They are the only Atlantic fliers who have arrived at their predetermined destination, in a straight hop.



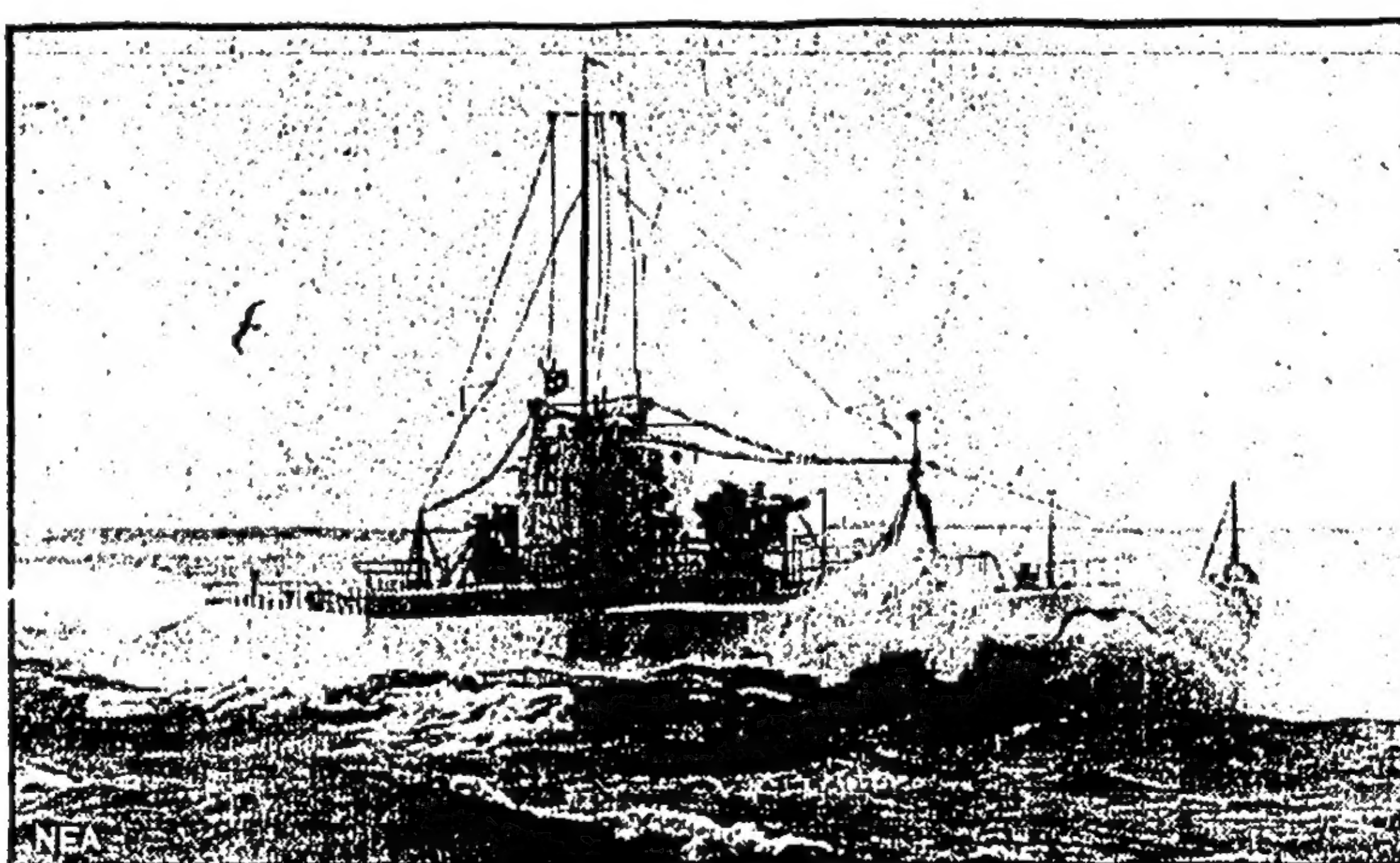
Dr. Steido, head of the Tyrolean Fascists, who hailed Hitler's success with great celebration.



Dr. C. C. Chen, Dean of the department of Natural Science at Shanghai College.



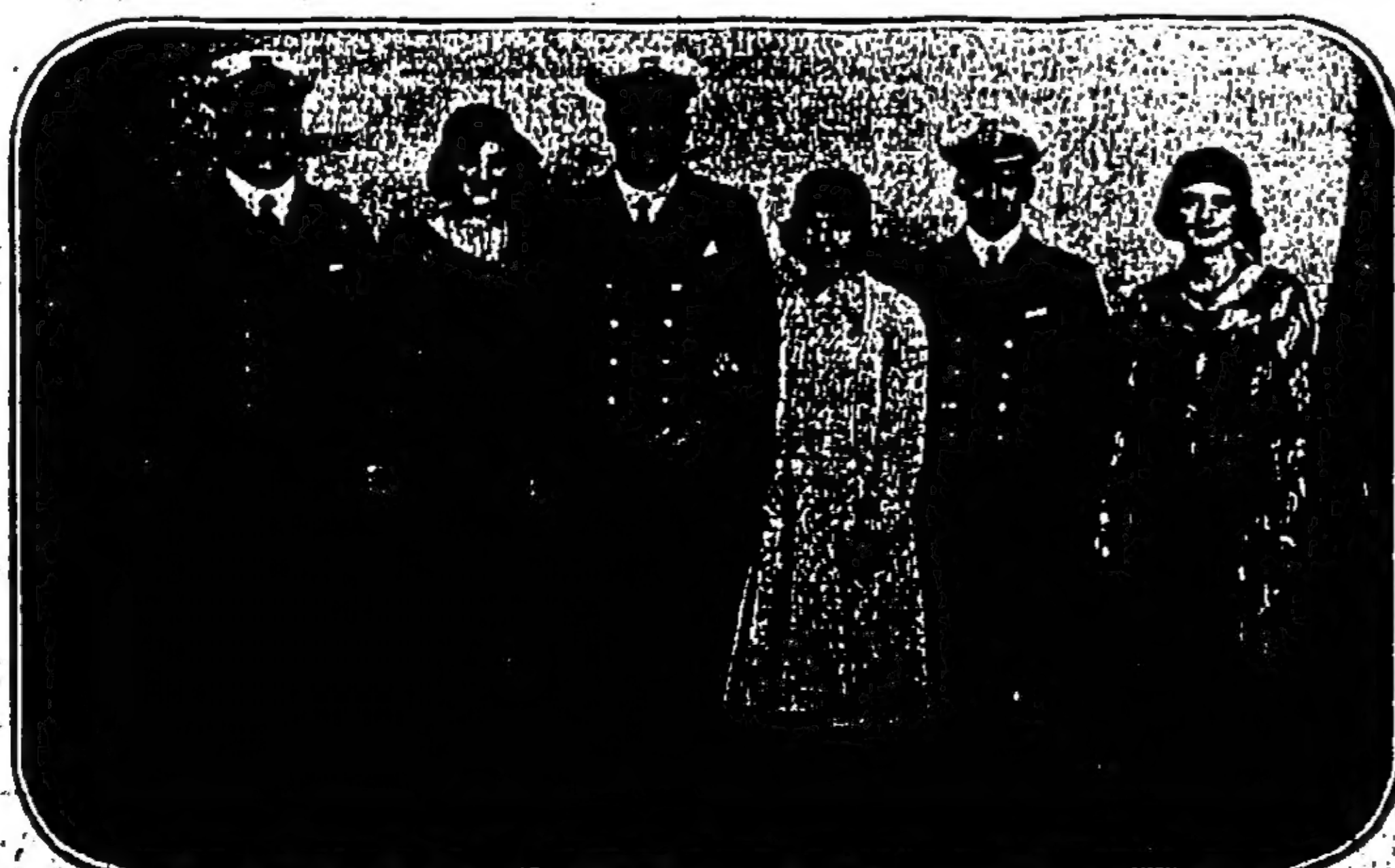
Seattle scientists are looking for a name for this fruit which they have developed in the department of pharmacy. It is a cross between a lemon and a grape-fruit.



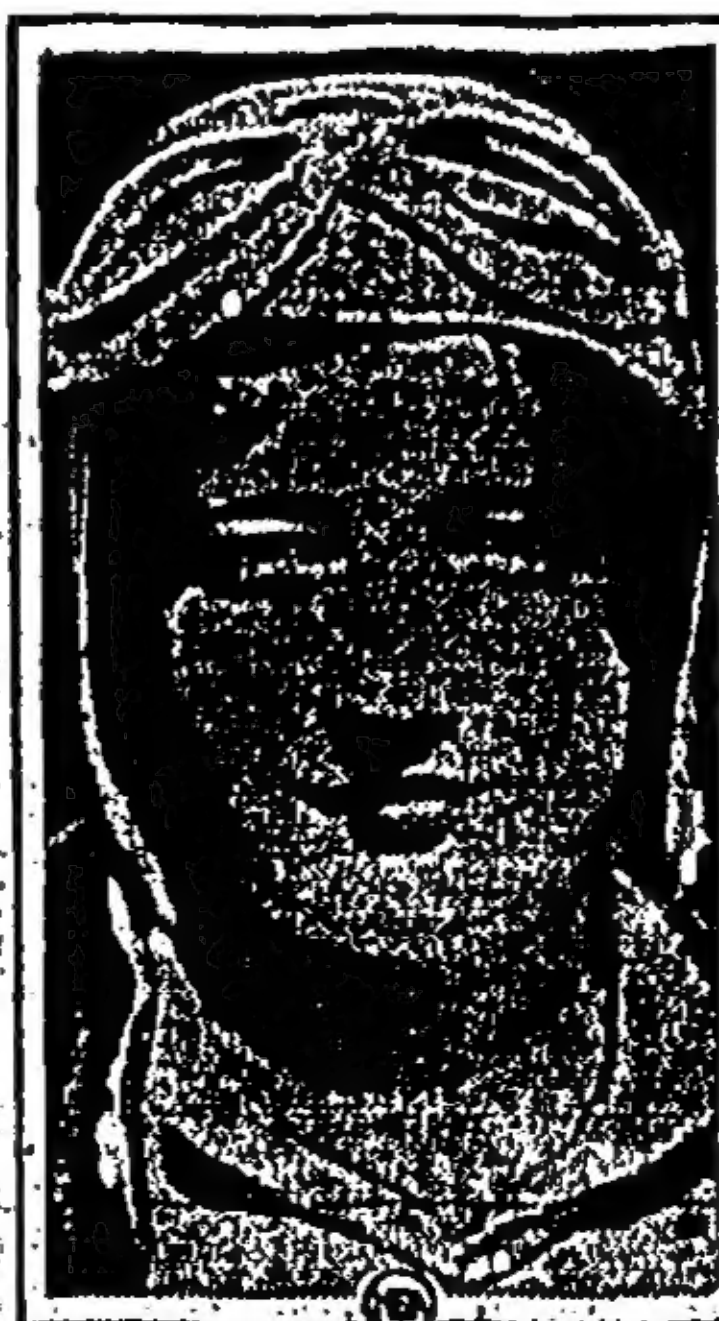
The new U. S. submarine, V-5, the largest in America, is shown above during its trials off Massachusetts. The vessel is 3,000 tons gross and proved able to submerge to a record depth. Her commander is Lieut. Comdr. J. H. Brown.



Mrs. H. W. Hickling, Master of the Shanghai Ladies' Paper Hunt Club, which takes an active part in the sport.



The wedding of Miss Isabella Melke, to Lieut. W. Dykes was solemnized at Shanghai Union Church recently by the Rev. E. F. Borst-Smith. The bride was given away by Capt. Barden, and Capt. I. Lamont was best man.



Miss Mary Stone, who plans a Pacific flight to China, via Honolulu.



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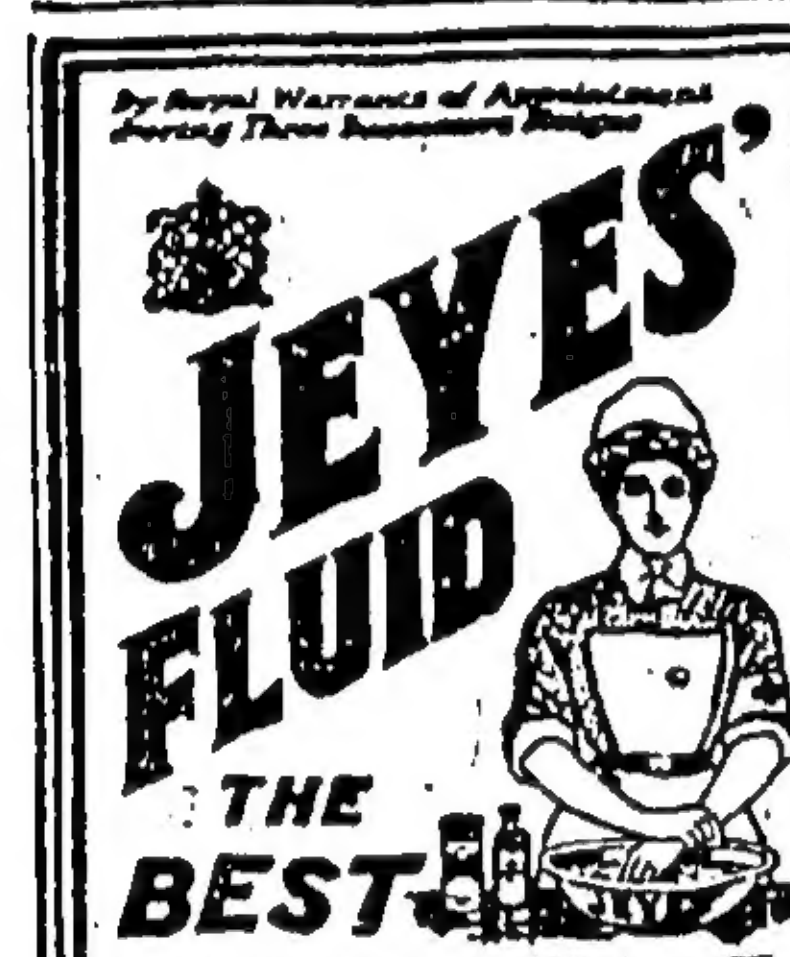


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CHINA'S NEW TARIFF.

MANY DUTIES MORE THAN DOUBLED.

Shanghai, Dec. 30. A closer examination of the 647 items of the new Chinese import tariff schedule shows that the increases and decreases are irregular. Luxuries, however, in some cases suffer prohibitive increases, particularly such peculiarly Chinese delicacies as shark's fins, which have been increased two and a half times. Bird's nests have been nearly doubled; and edible seaweed increased one and a half times.

Canned goods, jam and butter have been doubled, while duties on luxury foodstuffs generally are up from thirty to 100 per cent. Medical opium, cocaine, morphine are increased from 12½ to 20 per cent.

Brown sugar under eleven is increased from 1.01 gold units to 1.90, while eleven to seventeen is now 2.40 gold units, over eighteen 2.90 gold units, cube loaf 9.70 gold units, sugar candy 5.80 gold units, (the gold unit being equal to 19.265 pence, 40 cents gold, and .995 guilders), molasses 10 per cent and unenumerated 25 per cent.

Beer and stout henceforth will be 50 per cent ad valorem, gin, rum and unenumerated wines 60 per cent.

Duties on cigarettes and cigars are increased seven fold. All materials and apparatus used in the tobacco industry will henceforth be subject to 50 per cent duty.

On the other hand chemicals show few increases and some reductions. Gasoline and kerosene are slightly reduced. For lubricants in some cases the duty has been halved.

Paper generally suffers ten to 20 per cent increase. Woodpulp has been more than halved.

Lumber shows slight increases and decreases. Glassware has been doubled.

The date of the enforcement of the schedule has not yet been promulgated.—*Reuter*.

Effective To-morrow.

Nanking, Dec. 30. It is understood that the new tariff schedule will be effective as from January 1 next.—*Reuter*.

Mukden Opposition?

Shanghai, Dec. 30. Bearing out recent rumours, a Japanese report from Tientsin states that Chang Hsueh-liang has issued a declaration that the abolition of *likin* will be effective in Chihli on January 1, but the decision regarding Manchuria must be delayed, pending the forthcoming financial conference at Mukden.

While there is no question of Chang Hsueh-liang's loyalty to the National Government, it is understood that the "old guard" in Manchuria is showing considerable opposition to his policy, which undermines their prerogatives.—*Reuter*.

Octroi Offices to Close.

Peking, Dec. 30. All the branch offices and the head office of the Octroi in Peking have been ordered to wind up their affairs and close, after to-morrow. It is understood that this will throw out of work about a thousand officials.

It is understood that similar instructions to close up have been given all the *likin* offices all over Hopei.—*Reuter*.

HOTEL TRAGEDY.

TEN PEOPLE BURNED TO DEATH IN ONTARIO.

Ottawa, Dec. 30. At least ten people were killed in a hotel fire in Cochrane, Ontario, and it is feared that other victims will be found in the ruins. The dead included the owner's brother who first escaped and then plunged into the flames to save his wife and four children. All perished.—*Reuter*.

WOMEN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

"BED-MAKING FIENDS."

Hospital Patients' Sleep.

If ever there is a bed-making contest, it will indubitably be contested by the nurses of a certain hospital. I know, because I have suffered. Here is a typical programme of a bed-patient in my ward:—

4.30 a.m.—All and sundry are roused from slumber, given a cup of steaming tea, and ignominiously turned out of bed whilst the night nurses do their worst. From top to bottom the four posters are overhauled, with the result that the peevish patient goes back to cold sheets. If he is a newcomer, he consoles himself with the thought that he can still have four hours' sleep before breakfast.

Alas, for his hopes! At 6.30 the nurse taps his cheek and takes his temperature. He settles again to rest, only to awake and find the diligent night nurse tucking the clothes about him, before going off duty about half-past seven.

Then come the day staff. They begin the day well by fumbling beneath the mattress for the white bedspread, which they draw up over the patient, who is nearly going to sleep.

Breakfast follows. Doctors usually follow breakfast, and so the bed comes in for another tidy-up. This time the patient is tucked in tighter than a strait-jacket. If he fills his lungs with air and

Of Amber Satin.



A tiny round yoke and gauntlet cuffs of needle-run lace lend a pleasant finish to a graceful afternoon gown of deep amber coloured crepe satin. The stitched band at the hip-line, when the skirt flares out to dip low at one side, is an interesting new note.

A Very Charming Model.



A new model which illustrates the revived interest in green as an evening colour. Expressed in mimese-leaf green silk lace, passed over a gold tissue foundation, it is especially charming with the slim skirt developing into a flared train at either side.

expands the bed clothes he is courting disaster. A vigilant nurse will swoop down upon him like a wolf upon the fold.

A short, sweet breathing-space—dinner—three o'clock tea, and then the white-capped nurses are at their tricks again. The bedspread is no longer necessary, so off it comes and the patient is again folded in.

As day draws to a close the hospital staff redouble their efforts to make everything spick and span before the sister pays her nightly visit. So about the hour of eight they set to work smoothing pillows, pulling up blankets, and generally fraying the patients' nerves.

And so to sleep? Not likely! The day nurses vanish, and in comes the night nurse. Her glance travels round the ward and takes in the twenty odd beds. Tekk! Whatever will sister think? She starts at No. 1 and finishes at 10 p.m., and then, only then, has the poor patient peace.

A PATIENT.

A BEDSIDE BEAUTY BOX.

[By a Busy Woman.]

At the end of a tiring day, when one's sole desire is to get to bed and sleep as quickly as possible, the nightly beauty treatment is apt to become a penance and in some cases threatened with neglect.

Yet it is just those last few little bedtime "frankings" which are so highly important if we are to preserve a good complexion. The skin, like the body, gets tired and requires a rest, and for this reason we should remove all impurities and traces of the daily "make-up" and leave the tissues and pores free for the night.

To cleanse the face thoroughly with cold cream is a matter of about

half an hour's treatment, and this can be done quite easily while resting comfortably in bed, if all ingredients are kept in a pretty and conveniently fitted box on your bedside table.

A large wooden chocolate box with a hinged lid could probably be procured from any sweet shop. This should be attractively covered with silk or cretonne to tone with your carpet and curtains. You might possibly rob an old hand bag of a good sized flat mirror and glue it to the inside of the lid of your box, and now you can tumble into bed, and need only extend a hand to find everything within comfortable reach.

Essential Ingredients.

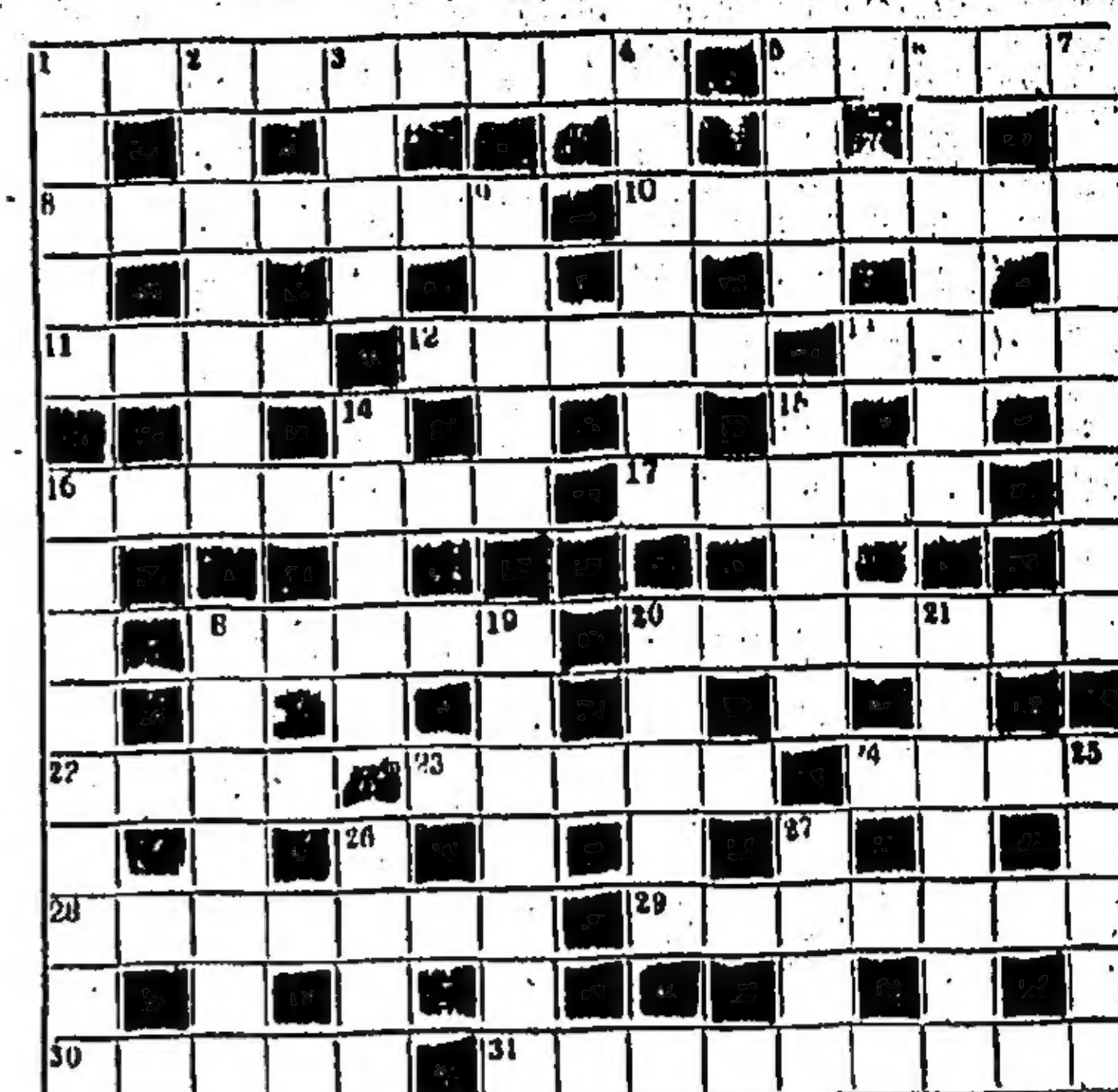
The essential ingredients for the beauty box are a good cold cream for cleansing purposes, a roll of soft tissue for removing the surplus cream, and a good astringent lotion for toning up the tired muscles of the face and neck.

A generous supply of cold cream or olive oil should be gently massaged into the skin, and this should be left on while you indulge in a little light reading. At the end of about 20 minutes, wipe the face and neck with tissue or cotton wool and all impurities will come away. Finish with a mild astringent, which lightly patted over the skin will be found wonderfully refreshing.

An excellent home-made bleaching cream for use on the hands is recommended by a well-known beauty specialist. It consists of equal portions of olive oil and lemon juice, which should be well worked together to a paste, and worked into the hands from the finger-tips upwards.

The whole of this treatment being manipulated whilst in a recumbent position will be found delightfully soothing and is very conducive to sleep.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across
- "Rude spade" (anag.).
 - Drive I detect, but that manifesto I can endorse (hidden).
 - The period in English history between the years 1810 and 1820
 - Many a one is given by the B.C.C.
 - Shriek.
 - Describes the activities of Balbus, in a way, but is alarming in another.
 - The beginning of an aid to rest.
 - A brittle metal.
 - Here a nobleman comes in soon.
 - The cosy part of a sailor's garment.
 - "Your ruling—strong in death," Pope, Moral Essays.
 - The flat when the sharp has finished with him.
 - Pen this song—if you have a leaning that way.
 - The colour of unbleached linen.
 - This ware is not costly.
 - They have a common grand-father.
 - Whoever is this needs cheering up.
 - "Met no mule" (anag.).

Down

- Ward off this early Arctic Explorer.
- Fenets.
- Superseded by teapots.
- Starts with the sound of part of a ship and rhymes with heir.
- "Listen to this simple story, to this—of Hlawntha." Long-fellow.

- Condition of the fat of the land.
- A dance.
- A stuff that will not endure, according to Shakespeare.
- Corks.
- Here faith includes us.
- An affliction from which Milton suffered.
- Endanger.
- "Cane hon" (anag.).
- What may ensue when fear ousts reason.
- A slope soundly made by a draughtsman.
- Turn over.
- Those apart from us.
- A South African.

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NEW KWANGSI WAR THREATENED.

CHANG FAT-KWEI SAID TO HAVE ENTERED YUNNAN.

Peking, Dec. 30. Chinese reports state that Chang Fat-kwei and Poi Chung-hsi, with an army, have entered Yunnan with the object of linking up with Tang Chi-yu, a brother of the former Governor, Tang Chi-yao, and Hu Jao-yu, former Civil Governor, in order to overthrow the present provincial authorities.

Military movements are reported to be proceeding in the region of Kunming. Some Chinese circles suggest that the recalcitrants hope to obtain support from other elements hostile to Nanking in Yunnan, Kweichow and Szechuan.—*Reuter*.

TURKISH REVOLT.

ALL RELIGIOUS BANNERS TO BE SEIZED.

Constantinople, Dec. 30. The Government has ordered the seizure of religious banners with inscriptions from the Koran, usually stored in Mosques. It is apparently feared that they might be used to fire the fanaticism of the masses in the event of a popular outbreak.—*Reuter*.

A previous message stated that already there had been a big round up of suspects and that over a thousand arrests had been made by the authorities at Menemen, Magnesia, Konia, Smyrna, Stamboul and elsewhere, those taken into custody including Sheikh, dervishes and Imams and a number of women. A

BRITISH FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

WELL SUPPORTED BY THE NATION'S WORKERS.

London, Dec. 30. In spite of industrial depression, the great voluntary friendly societies have made progress, both numerically and financially, during the current year 1930.

When the National Health Insurance was brought into existence, it was generally believed that the friendly societies would suffer, instead of which they are to-day much stronger in membership and have nearly doubled their cash reserves in the few years they have had to meet competition by the State. This is largely due to the fact that the societies, by careful husbanding of resources, are able to offer bigger benefits to insured members. There are now above ten million workers making independent insurance against sickness and disablement, and their aggregate resources are about £100,000,000. Their payments in sickness and funeral benefits, and to the benevolent fund, total about £7,000,000 during 1930.—*British Wireless*.

whole battalion of troops whose loyalty was suspected had been interned. The Government activities followed the recent revolt at Menemen, in which several persons were killed. The revolt purported to establish a "religious regime." The authorities believe that the revolt was not an isolated incident, but the first phase of a vast conspiracy aimed at the overthrowing of the Kemalist regime in Turkey.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

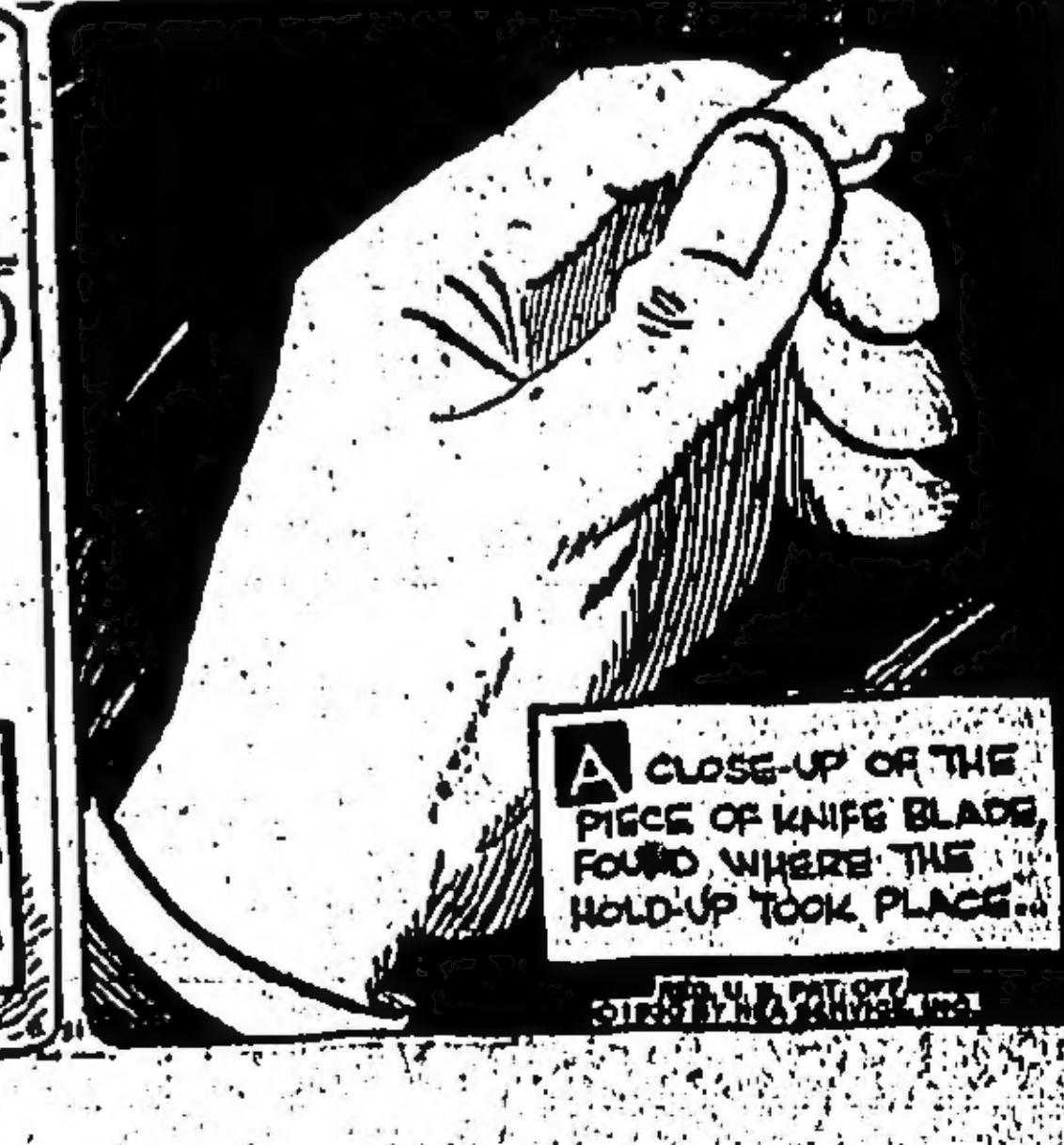
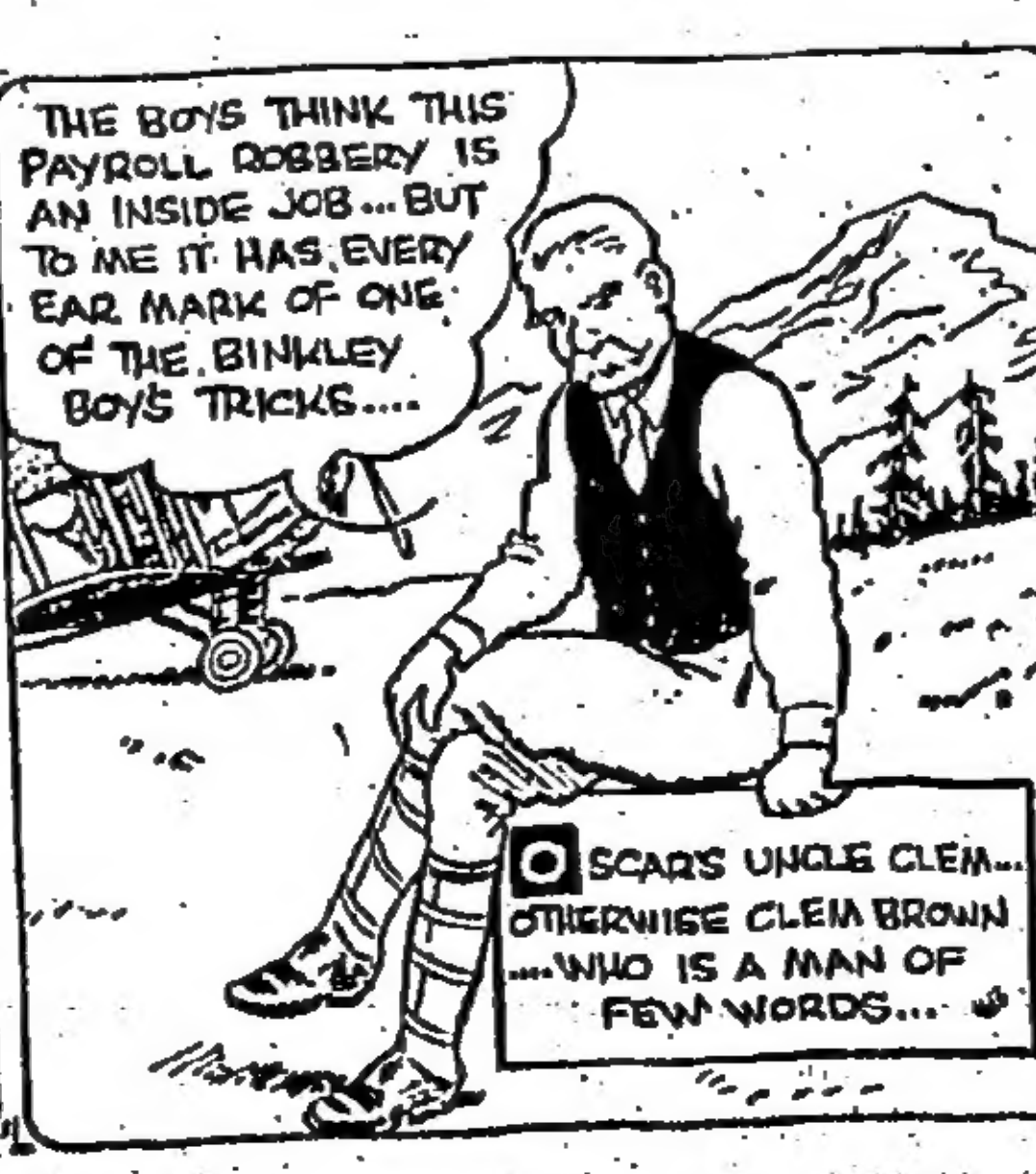
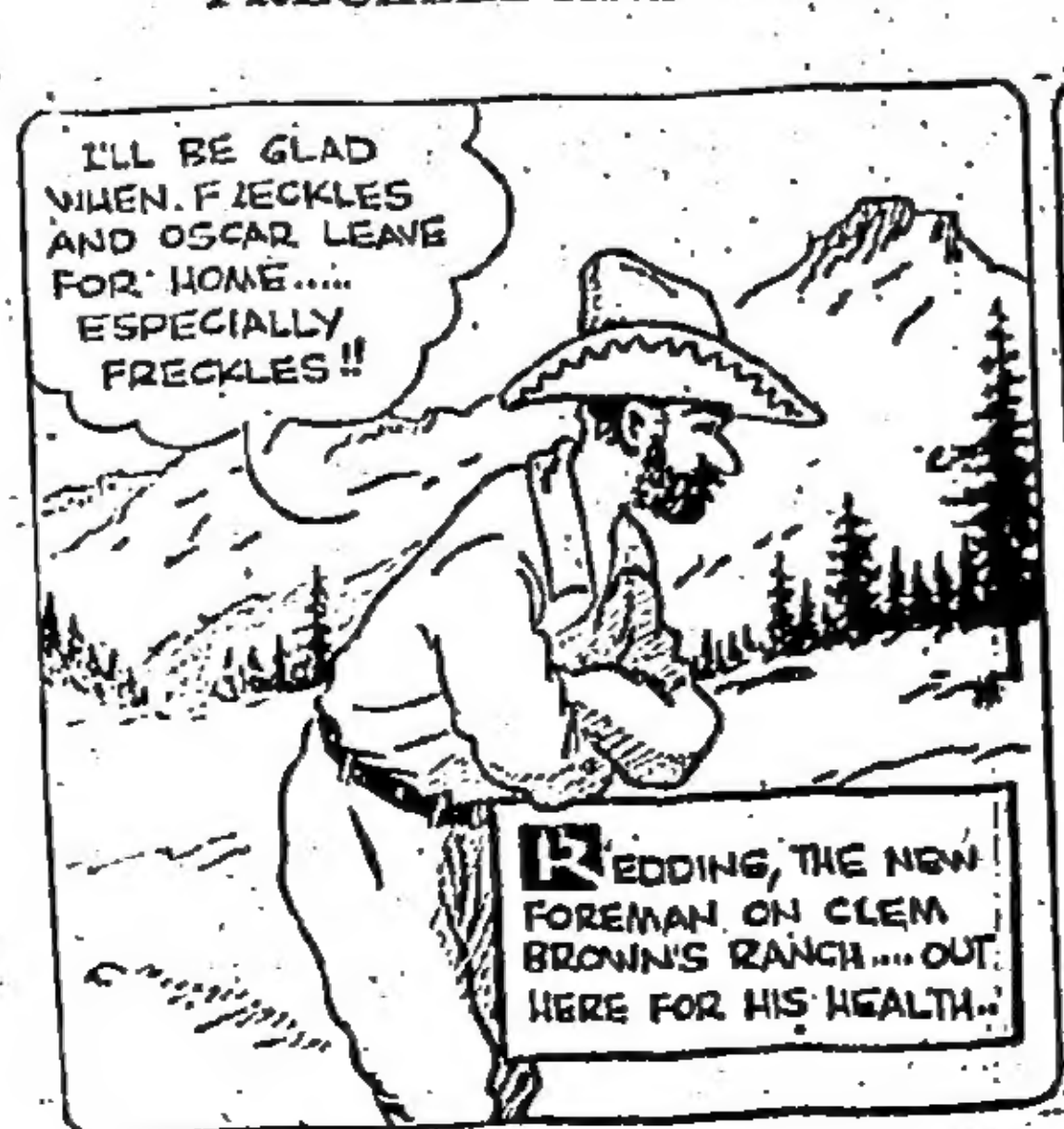
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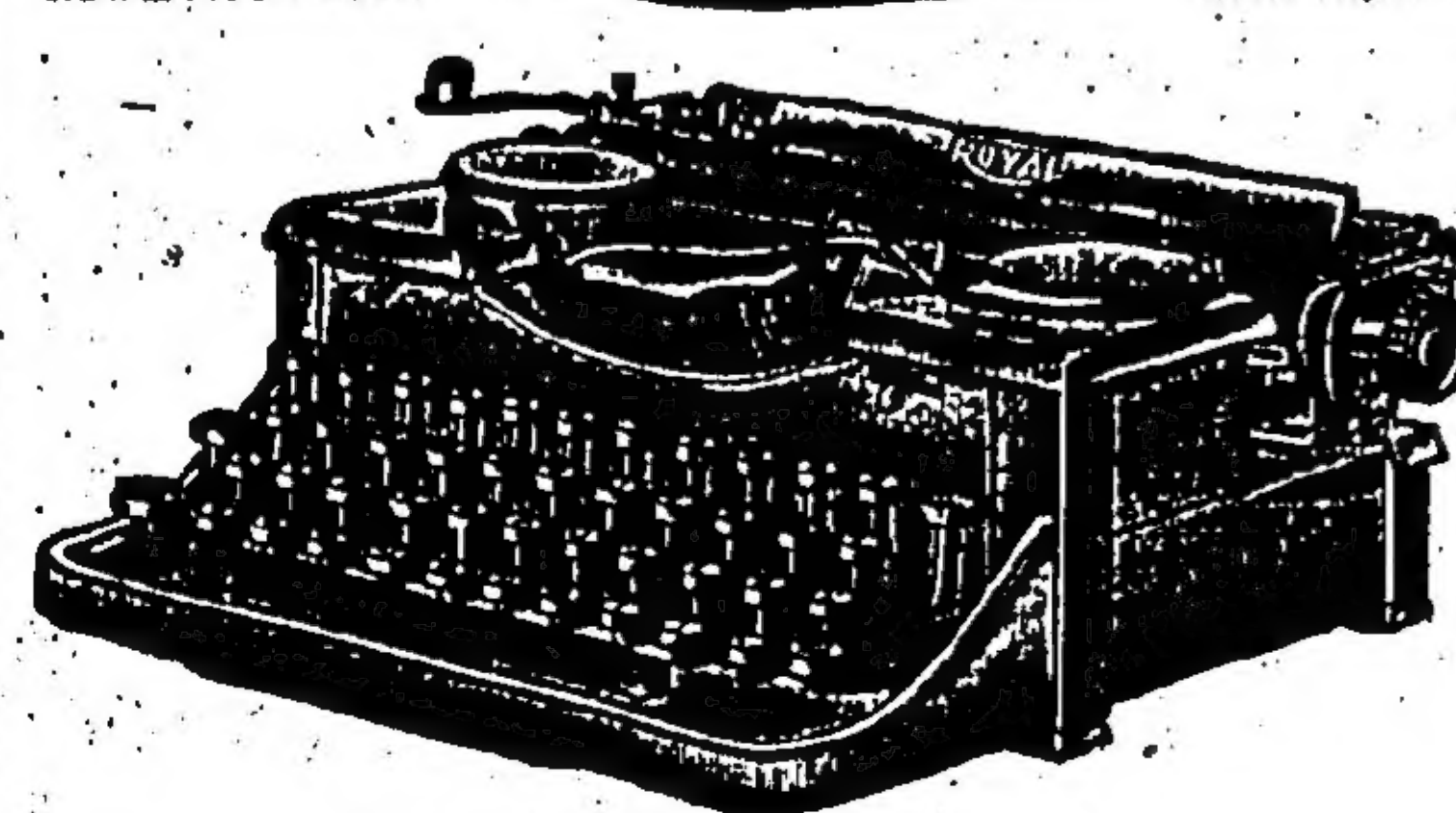
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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

Whatever the future may have in store for us, it seems more than probable that the year 1930, now so rapidly drawing to a close, will in days to come be looked back on as one of the most disastrous ever experienced by the Colony so far as the instability of its currency is concerned. Within the past twelve months, silver has kept an almost uninterrupted downward course, until we have long since come to recognise ourselves to be new low values in the dollar. The immediate outlook promises no improvement in this respect, for general opinion in banking circles seems to be that the dollar will still further decline in the New Year. There is no need to stress the serious consequences of the slump, both in regard to the trade of the Colony and to the community's living expenses: we all know from painful experience what the effects have been and are likely to be unless some circumstance arises to enhance the value of silver. The only consolation to be derived from the situation is that the graver the position becomes, the more likelihood will there be of action of some kind being taken to deal with the crisis. Leading economists in Britain and the United States have latterly striven to show the disastrous effects of the growing disparity between silver and gold, strongly emphasising the need for international action. In particular, the silver slump has had the effect of cutting off the great markets of the Orient to a very large extent from Western manufacturers, a circumstance which of itself should be sufficient to warrant serious efforts being made to grapple with the situation. Unhappily, however, international action of any kind is usually a slow and lengthy process, and we fear that immediate relief from such a development is unlikely.

When we come to study the situation, we find no support in existing conditions for the contention which was being so freely made a year ago that Hongkong would have everything to gain by a low-value dollar. The predicted revival in export trade has not materialised, which is, after all, scarcely to be wondered at when we bear in mind the fact that so much of our export trade represents foreign goods being sent into China, so that the exchange factor is just as operative as if the goods were imported

direct. Neither is there any evidence that the forcing down of our dollar to parity with silver has improved our position vis-à-vis Shanghai so far as China's trade is concerned. It was argued a year or so ago that Shanghai was capturing all the China trade, much of it at the expense of Hongkong, and that only by wiping out the currency disparity between the two ports could this Colony hope to regain that lost trade. The fact is, however, that the disappearance of the premium has not been reflected in any boom of the kind predicted. So, from whatever standpoint we view the matter, Hongkong appears to have gained nothing, but, rather, lost much from the slump in the dollar. Circumstances have proved that trade is not helped, but is greatly hampered, by a currency subject to such marked vagaries as we have experienced during the year in this Colony. The Government is at the moment exchanging views with the Home authorities on this currency question, but in view of the nature of the Commission's Report, it is hardly to be expected that any revolutionary changes will result from the deliberations.

But if the dollar situation has been so disastrous alike to business and personal interests, we can at any rate see on all hands the outward signs of progress. Building on a remarkably extensive scale is going on almost everywhere, so that the whole Colony is rapidly undergoing transformation. We have only to take a glance at the amazing developments on the mainland, the big changes in the heart of the city, and the erection of block after block of new property on the Praya East reclamation to realise how the Colony is expanding and becoming modernised. Much of the investment in property may be due to the huge sums of fluid capital now available as a consequence of the trade depression, but, on the other hand, it also betokens a confidence in the future of the Colony. That future, we confidently feel, is assured, but we are equally emphatic in our view that until our currency problem is seriously faced, our progress must of necessity be restricted. On the other hand, in a bold handling of that problem lies the hope of a much earlier and more comprehensive revival of the trade of the Colony than is to be hoped for from merely resigning ourselves to whatever fate has in store for us.

The World in 1930.

As in Hongkong, so throughout the world; 1930 will pass to-night with few regrets. For the bulk of humanity the year cannot but appear sombre in retrospect; the shadow of trade depression and unemployment hangs over all. The main cause has been a continuous fall in commodity prices in conjunction with a rapid rise in the value of gold and a consequent restriction of credit facilities. Unemployment has risen from normal figures of 5 per cent. to from 15 to 20 per cent. in Britain, Germany, the United States, Scandinavia and elsewhere, and in some of the great industrial districts of these countries the proportion of workless is as high as fifty per cent. So acute and obstinate has been the slump that the end of the year reveals no sign of alleviation. On the contrary it is not at all certain that the bottom has been reached. One effect of the world crisis has been instability in politics. Revolutions have occurred in most of the South American countries; Hitlerism has gained tremendously in Germany; President Hoover has lost his Republican majority in Congress; Spain has several times been on the verge of a bloody revolution; and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's government has been losing prestige steadily. The situation was not eased, to say the least, by the tariff increases approved by the U. S. Congress early in the year, creating a wall easily the highest in the history of the country and raising the general ad valorem level from 33.22 to 40.09. Another sharp break on the Stock Exchange occurred paralleling in extent the debacle of November, 1929, when the paper losses exceeded \$40,000 millions. Numerous terrible disasters occurred, adding to the tale

DAY BY DAY

JUDGING A MAN BY HIS LOOKS IS
LIKE CHOOSING A BOOK BY ITS COVER.
—E. S. Champion.

There will be no issue of the *Telegraph* to-morrow, but publication will be resumed on Friday. We take this opportunity of wishing our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The P. & O. s.s. *Karmala* from Hongkong arrived at London on the 29th December at noon.

Mr. J. F. V. Ribeiro has been authorised to sign for Messrs. Maxim & Co., per procurator.

We have received from the Red Rose Barber and Beauty Shop a date block in English and Chinese for the coming year.

We are asked to state that the P. and O. s.s. *Comorin*, with the English mails via Suez, is now due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

Property worth \$150, reported as having been stolen from No. 4, Alverton Terrace, two days ago, has been recovered by police at a pawnshop.

Chan Man, described as a schoolboy, has been arrested on a charge of stealing two women's sweaters from the Wing On Company, at Des Voeux Road Central.

One of seven fishermen who left Stanley yesterday was drowned while gathering seaweed at the northern end of Waglan. A search for the body has not proved successful.

Because he interrupted a card party that was being held on the No. 1 Wharf, Kowloon Godowns, it is said, a watchman, named Ho Chi, was stabbed and was admitted into Hospital yesterday suffering from a wound in the abdomen. Three Chinese coolies are in custody consequent on police investigations.

of gloom, including the loss of the R.101, shocking earthquakes in Italy and Japan, great typhoon havoc in Japan and Korea, and the Alsodorf mine explosion. On the other side of the picture may be placed His Majesty the King's resumption of public activities, the wonderful solo flight of Miss Amy Johnson to Australia, Kingsford Smith's memorable trip over the same distance, reducing the time taken to 10 days, the conclusion of a tripartite naval treaty between Britain, America and Japan, the departure of the last Allied soldier from the Rhineland, and the signs of a termination of civil conflict in China after the heaviest fighting for years past. In the sporting field, Don Bradman and Bobby Jones have captured most of the laurels, while America swept the Wimbledon tournament, thirteen of the sixteen finalists being from the United States, Bill Tilden winning the singles after an interval of eight years. Among other notable events of the year may be included the Lambeth Conference, the Imperial Conference, the encouraging opening of the Indian Round Table Conference, the Carol coup in Rumania and the collapse of the Tardieu Government.

DOUGLAS JERROLD says

PUT THEM TO WORK YOUNG.

ENGLAND is now faced with a proposal to raise the school age to fifteen, and soon we may expect to be asked to raise it still further, perhaps to sixteen and a half.

The reason is perfectly simple. The plain man argues from example and not from precept, and as long as people who are less well off see those who are better off educating their children up to 17, 18, or 21 they will find it hard to listen with patience to clever arguments from these same people proving that education is of very little use.

Nor will anyone blame them. The people who are to be blamed are those who keep their children at home after years at expensive schools or universities without even troubling to think why.

How many people know that origin of the university eight week terms, or why parents to-day are expected to pay \$300 per annum for their sons to be spasmodically educated during 24 weeks out of 52? The explanation is that universities are mediaeval institutions, which were most flourishing in the 14th century. They continued to flourish for nearly four centuries, but all the time on the basis that their pupils had to earn their living in between terms.

The long summer vacation, for instance, covers the busiest part of the agricultural year, and to this day in Canada the "long vacation" is still put to its proper use.

As late as the days of Sir William Harcourt's boyhood, boys went to the university at 16 and left at 19. The fashion of staying at school till 19 and remaining at the university until 21 or 22 came in with the golden age of the upper-middle classes.

A Sham Fight.

The idea was not to train boys for the battle of life, but to give to the sons of rich cotton-spinners and iron-masters, as well as to the sons of the older landed aristocracy, a first-class sham fight in which they could get on top, so to speak, the experience which their parents got in building their own future or in governing the country in the days of privilege and "places."

The need for the sham fight was of course, that their parents' excellent good fortune had deprived these children of the two greatest educational factors, the incentive to earn a living and the experience which life gives the adolescent in the process of doing so.

As a substitute, the prefect system, the imitation self-government and self-administered discipline, and the physical rigours of compulsory and competitive games were excellent and ingenious. In a school easier far than that of life, but still not too gentle, character was formed, rough edges smoothed away, and steel tempered, with only a few bones broken!

As a sham fight the public school of the mid-Victorian era came as near to the real thing as it decently could and prevented the sons of the prosperous from growing up complacent or irresponsible or soft.

The Spasmodic Course.

Meanwhile, the universities might have seized the chance of adjusting themselves to the new

conditions. They were hampered by the accident that their endowments were running low. How were they to make both ends meet? The answer was found in perpetuating for rich men between 18 and 22 the abbreviated and spasmodic course of instruction planned for poor boys between 15 and 19.

In the vacation the rich young men could play and the dons earn a little money; both parties were pleased, and in complacent optimism the pre-war era came to a close.

It is of course true that at the universities you meet all classes and all races; that they are a world in miniature and that they give a chance for the young man to learn a little of life. But why keep him out of the real world to study the world in miniature? Why pay hundreds of pounds for him to learn about life when he could be earning money in learning a very good deal about it?

It was very right and proper when only the privileged classes had the entry to the public services and the learned professions to invent a few hurdles for them to jump before they settled down to their arduous task; it was very excellent that the Duke's son should learn to compete with the iron-master's son for his post in the Civil Service or his commission in the Army. A standard had to be maintained. But to-day?

To ask the question is to answer it. For nine people out of ten the last year at a public school and the three or four years at the university are sheer waste. These institutions pride themselves in producing not brains but character. A year's work in the world would produce more character than four years in the classroom for the reason that work in the world does not cut off the intelligent boy or girl from study or sport.

When agriculture was our staple industry we rightly made our university terms seasonal and left long intervals when the needs of the farm could be attended to. To-day, in an industrial civilisation, work has to be done regularly if it is to be useful, and the book-work must be done in the evening, as it is by thousands every year at evening classes.

In Cotton Wool.

And at this point let me answer the cry which will go up that the poor rich will be too tired in the evening by saying that in my two years at Oxford I never saw my tutors by daylight, winter or summer. In two years I had exactly fifty-five hours' tuition, the whole of it after 9 p.m.

I do not want to suggest for a moment that a really well-trained mind, given a good mind to start with, is not invaluable to the individual and indispensable to the State. Without such brains the complex problems of modern business, finance, and government could never be solved. But are these minds the more easily trained by being kept in cotton-wool for nearly a third of man's allotted span?

Edward Gibbon left it on record that he could never have written "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" had he not been an Exeterman: how much more should we get from Gibbon's history ourselves had we read it with some small contemporary experience of life as it is lived in the workaday world. And as with Gibbon, so with Plato and Aristotle and Thucydides. And this is even more true of science: half the science that we learn in the classroom has to be unlearned in the works laboratory.

Even as a training for public life, whether in Church or State, the present system stands condemned; how much more so as a training for industry or the business professions such as the law, accountancy, and finance. How many of our big businesses have been founded by university men, and how many leading figures on the professional side of industry (bankers, accountants, and administrators) are university-trained?

Academic Dawdling.

As a matter of fact the universities and public schools have the monopoly only in those professions where they themselves dictate the conditions of entrance. What they teach is admirable and necessary to the public services and the teaching profession, but the way they teach it, and above all, the time they take to teach it, is not admirable and goes far to nullify the benefits which they confer.

How can even the most intellectual boy who has been subsidised through more than a score of years of academic dawdling be expected to develop the realism, the sense of urgency, and the sense of competition which is what we need in our business and in our public services

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"Can't you put that one away and show it to my mother when she comes in?"

PICKPOCKET SENT TO PRISON.

MAN WHO OPERATES ON TRAMCARS. KNOWN TO POLICE.

That the defendant was a man who made it a practice to travel on trams with the specific purpose of picking pockets was a statement made by Detective Sergeant Lament before Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, when a Chinese was convicted of theft of \$20 from a passenger on a tram on Monday.

Detective Sergeant Lament produced a previous record of two convictions for pocket-picking against the defendant and mentioned that the accused was well-known to the police as being a man who travelled on trams for the sole purpose of picking pockets. He had been taken to the Police Station on occasions other than the two indicated in his criminal record.

He was also known to frequent the Kowloon Railway Station when crowds gathered prior to the departure or after the arrival of trains.

The defendant was given six months' hard labour.

DATE CONFUSION AT TRIAL.

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The Police Court had taken the Gregorian calendar while the Chinese calendar had been taken at the Sessions. He suggested that either the Gregorian or Chinese calendar should be definitely used, otherwise confusion was caused which was unfair to witnesses, prisoners, counsel and the Bench.

"Moon" and "Month". His Lordship pointed out that the Chinese sounds for "moon" and "month" were the same and the Chinese themselves did not bother with the differences.

Counsel replied that in a case like the one before the Court, dates were of prime importance, and as Mr. Lindsell was an expert hand in taking dates, he would suggest that a definite calendar should be used, especially as the same point had arisen with regard to two previous witnesses.

Evidence was then given of the arrival in Hongkong of 15 bales of palm leaves for the Po Tai, this being, according to the Crown, the name used by prisoners at No. 63, Connaught Road West, which they intended to use as their "bolt hole" when No. 77, Wing Lok Street was burnt down. Witness stated that the leaves arrived in Hongkong on October 17 at 11.15 p.m. and were delivered to the Po Tai on the following morning.

No Afternoon Sitting. At the beginning of the hearing, the foreman of the jury (Mr. J. L. McPherson) said that the jurors had important business to attend to and asked if they could be excused attendance this afternoon.

Counsel expressed their agreement and his Lordship said the Court would rise at one o'clock and would resume on Friday morning.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	123.60	123.60
Geneva	25.02	25.04
Berlin	20.39 1/2	20.38 1/2
Oslo	18.15 1/2	18.16 1/2
Helsingfors	18.15 1/2	18.16 1/2
Athens	375	375
Buenos Aires	35 1/2	35 1/2
Shanghai	1/5 1/2	1/5 1/2
New York	4.85 13/16	4.85 9/16
Amsterdam	12.05 1/2	12.05 1/2
Stockholm	18.11 1/2	18.11 1/2
Vienna	34.47 1/2	34.47 1/2
Madrid	44.95	44.95
Bucharest	818	818
Montevideo	35 1/2	35 1/2
Hongkong	1/14	1/14
Brussels	34.74	34.74
Copenhagen	92.75 1/2	92.75 1/2
Lisbon	18.16	18.16
Prague	108.25	108.25
Rio	163 1/2	163 1/2
Yokohama	4.19/32	4.25/32
Silver (spot)	2/0.17/32	2/17/32
Silver (forward)	14 1/2	14 1/2

(forward 14 1/2) —British Wireless.

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of information that the British Economic Mission to the Far East will be arriving in Hongkong on the 30th or 31st January, and will be in Hongkong until the 5th March.

The Holland China Trading Co., Ltd., advertise that Mr. F. H. J. A. Lafleur, having returned from furlough, will resume charge of the Hongkong Office, as from 1st January.

Last week's health return shows 62 deaths from tuberculosis, six cases (one fatal) of typhoid, four non-fatal cases of diphtheria and one non-fatal case each of small pox and cerebro-spinal fever.

LOCAL RADIO.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST TO CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT.

The programme to be broadcast to-day by Z. H. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres is:—
5.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.
7.00 p.m. European Programme of H. M. V. and Victor Records supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.
7.00-8.00 p.m. Varieties.
Orchestral-Mississippi Suite (P. Grotto).
Paul Whiteman and His Orch. 35859.
Humorous Song—Wish Wynne. 2780.
Organ Solo—Make Believe Why Do I Love You? (From "Show Boat") Edward O'Harey. 2802.
Humorous Song—If I Didn't Miss You. I've Always Wanted To Call You My Sweetheart. Gracie Fields. 2914.
Pianoforte Solo—She's Funny That Way. Dream. Wake Up And Dream. Carroll Gibbons. 3031.
Humorous Song—Don't Criticise. Does My Sweetie Care For Me? Leslie Sarony with Ukulele. 2361.
Another Bedtime Story "Cinderella." Wish Wynne. 3127.
Orchestral—Apache Dance (Offenbach).
The Swallow (Serrandell).
Victor Salon Orchestra. 21055.
8.00-9.00 p.m. Concert Items.
Orchestral—Salut D'Amour (Elgar). I Kiss Your Lips (Rudolph).
Marek Weber and His Orch. 2603.
Song—Nobody Else (A. A. Penn).
Frances Alda (Soprano). 1148.
Sigh No More Ladies (Soprano). 2603.
Derek Oldham (Tenor).
Violin Solo—Deep In My Heart, Dear (From The Student Prince).
Indian Love Call (From Rose Marie). F. Kreisler. 1161.
Song—A Maori Slumber Song.
Waiata Maori.
Frances Alda (Soprano). 1330.
Song—I Know of Two Bright Eyes (Clatsam).
Derek Oldham (Tenor). 2870.
Violin Solo—Rondo (Schubert-Fridberg).
Jascha Heifetz. 6091.
Song—Sleep Little Baby of Mine (Donnee).
Hulda Lashanska (Soprano). 1080.
Organ Solo—Festive Medley. Reginald Foort. 2380.
Song—Home Sweet Home. Marion Talley (Soprano). 1140.
Organ Solo—Pledge Heroique (Cesar Franck).
Marcel Dupre. 9121.
3.00 p.m. Weather Report Local Times.
5.00-9.30 p.m. Band and Organ.
The Mikado-Selections (Sullivan).
The Bells of St. Mark (Rimmer).
Semper Didella March (Souza).
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. 2354-2647.
Chelsea Fyfe.
Londonderry Air (arr. Stewart Archer).
Reginald Coxs-Custard (Organist). 2375.
Wee Macgregor Patrol (Amers).
Policeman's Holiday (Ewing).
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. 2924.
9.30-11.30 p.m. Dance Programme.
Fox Trot—The Duke Song. 2242.
Fox Trot—Anchors Aweigh. 27424.
Fox Trot—There's Happiness Over The Hill.
Fox Trot—Shoo The Hoo Deo Away. 22420.
Fox Trot—Betty Coed. 22473.
Slow Fox Trot—Dark Night. 22420.
Waltz—Together.
Fox Trot—Dear, On A Night Like This. 21213.
Fox Trot—Ro-Ro-Rollin' Along.
Fox Trot—Kiss Me With Your Eyes. 22417.
Slow Fox Trot—If I Had A Girl Like You.
Fox Trot—Kitty From Kansas City. 22419.
Fox Trot—The Verdict Is Life.
Fox Trot—Reminiscing. 22412.
Fox Trot—Mysterious Moe. 22411.
Slow Fox Trot—To-morrow Is Another Day.
Fox Trot—Looking For The Loveliest In The Park. 22501.
Fox Trot—My Baby Just Cares For Me.
Fox Trot—A Girl Friend Of A Boy Friend Of Mine. 22499.
Waltz—My Heart Belongs To The Girl Who Belongs To Somebody Else. 22435.
Fox Trot—When Love Comes In The Moonlight. 22500.
Fox Trot—We're On The Highway To Heaven. 22500.
Fox Trot—F'r Instance.
Slow Fox Trot—Lonely. 22494.
Fox Trot—Dixie. 22472.
Fox Trot—Mr. and Mrs. Sipni. 22472.
Fox Trot—I'm Only Human After All. 22481.
Fox Trot—Out Of Breath. 22481.
Fox Trot—Nobody Cares If I'm Blue. 22462.
Waltz—The Kiss Waltz. 22462.
Fox Trot—Bessie Ann For-rot-me-nots.
Fox Trot—If You Didn't Care For Me. 22477.
Fox Trot—Swingtime In A Hammock.
Fox Trot—Heer U. 22453.
Fox Trot—There's A Tear For Every Smile In Hollywood.
Fox Trot—You Darlin'. 22430.
Fox Trot—My Sweetheart Serenade. 22401.
Slow Fox Trot—Sharing. 22401.
Waltz—Mistake.
Waltz—Rock Me To Sleep In Your Arms. 22142.
God Save The King.
12.00 p.m. Close Down.

MALAYAN TIN.

GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO HAVE RESTRICTION.

Singapore, Dec. 30. The Senior Warden of Mines of the Federated Malay States has circulated tin producers stating that the Government is prepared to legislate in order to give effect to the international tin restriction scheme, provided public opinion is generally favourable. This will entail control of output to 78 per cent of the 1929 production.—*Reuter.*

TRAFFIC POOL OPPOSED.

LONDON SCHEME IN JEOPARDY?

A RAY OF HOPE.

It is understood that the Minister of Transport, Mr. Herbert Morrison, has made considerable progress with his plans for the co-ordination of London's transport facilities under a public board.

The plans have been the subject of conversations with the London County Council, and it is understood that much opposition has become apparent.

A large measure of agreement is desired before the proposals can be embodied in a Bill and brought before Parliament, but it is by no means certain that this will be possible.

The contention is that the public body suggested would not be sufficiently sensitive to public opinion, and the counter-suggestion is made that the Board should be nominated, and in some degree controlled, by the local authorities concerned.

Plan Delayed.

Some delay may be caused by the opposition, but an agreement is not despaired of. The plan, as put forward by the Minister, is for the co-ordination of the tubes, trams and buses, under a board to consist of six Commissioners.

LADIES' HOCKEY.

ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

There will be a return match between England and Scotland at Soerenga on Saturday, 3rd January, at 3.30 p.m. Teams are as follows:—
England.—F. Webber, E. Gray, B. V. Franklin, E. J. Copple, B. M. Pope, F. Cousins, E. R. Bell, P. M. Goodall, E. M. Donelan, A. N. Other, M. Bishop.
Scotland.—G. E. Little, A. Nichol, B. Leung, J. L. Whyte, E. Bonnar, M. L. Wallace, I. C. Bell, N. McNeill, A. Duncan, C. Ferguson, E. Blackburn.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Hongkong Bank, \$1,760 b.
Chartered Bank, 217 1/4 n.
Mercantile A. & B., 227 n.
East Asia 115 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1,240 b.
Union Ins., \$525 s.
North China Ins., 115. 160 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.20 b.
Yankee Ins., 350 n.
China Fire, \$450 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,225 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, 228 1/2 s.
H. K. Steamships, 330.50 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) 324 n.
Union Waterbatches, 339 n.

Mining.

Benguets, \$11.10 n.
Kallans, 26/9 n.
Shai Explorations, 1. 1 b.
Raub, 334 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, 173 1/4 b.
Whampoa Docks, 330 b.
China Providents, 35.35 b. (old).
Hongkewa, 114. 284 n.
New Engineering, 7.10 n.
Shanghai Docks, 114 n.

Coltons.

Ewo Coltons, 111.90 b.
Shai Coltons, 79 1/2 (old) n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, 112.50 b.
H. K. Land, 84 1/4 b. (old).
do 83 1/4 b.
Shai Land, 322 b.
Humphreys, 117.65 b.
Realities, 9.20 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, 118 b.
Peak Tram, (old) 14 1/4 n.
Star Ferries, 94 1/2 b.
China Lights, (old) 25 1/2 b.
H. K. Electric, 381 1/2 b.
Macao Electric, 328 b.
Telephones, 119.60 n.
China Buses, 119.60 n.
Singapore Traction, 37/10 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons, 327 n.
Cald Macg, Ord. 10.75 n.
Canton Ice, 83.80 s.
Cements (Comb) 117.75 b.
United Alabons 55 n.
Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, 25 1/2 b.
Watsons, 112.50 b.
Der A. Wings, 81 n.
Lane Crawford, 37.70 n.
Mackintosh, 119 b.
Sinceres, 111.60 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, 328 n.
Constructions, 44.80 b.
B' que Ind. G. Bonds, 478 1/2 b.
H.R.G. Loan 6 1/2 Prem.

PRESS AS WATCHDOG.

PROCEEDINGS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Lord Asquith in the House of Lords recently moved the second reading of the Local Authorities (Admission of the Press to Meetings) Bill, the main purpose of which was to bring the law as to the admission of the Press into conformity with the changes in local government effected by the Acts of last year, abolishing the Boards of Guardians and setting up Public Assistance Committees under the County Councils.

The Bill also proposes to abolish the existing restriction on the attendance of the Press at meetings of an Education Committee, and to provide that a meeting of a committee consisting of the whole of the members of an authority shall be regarded as a meeting of the authority.

He explained that the Bill was strongly supported by the Newspaper Society, which represents nearly 1,000 newspapers, and the Newspaper Proprietors' Association, while the principles of the measure were endorsed by other bodies.

The Act of last year set up Public Assistance Committees in place of the old Boards of Guardians, and there was at present no authority for the admission of the Press to the meetings of these bodies. This Bill sought to remedy that position. These bodies had to deal with enormous sums of money, and discussed many matters of great public interest. In the old days, when relief was being dealt with and where discussion had taken place as to the private lives of applicants, the Press had refrained from reporting this part of the proceedings, but they had reported the matter of public interest arising in the discussions.

When the Act of 1929 was before the House of Commons the Minister of Health (Mr. N. Chamberlain) emphasised the importance of the new Public Assistance Committees, and in his (Lord Asquith's) view they were so important that it was essential that the public should know how their money was being spent. Almost the only way in which they could get this information to the public, so that they had adequate control over the expenditure, was to carry out the principles of this Bill.

Bill Opposed. Lord Strachey (L.), moving the rejection of the Bill, said that he did so on behalf of all the organisations of local authorities, who were strongly opposed to it.

It would be undesirable, both from the point of view of members who had to give their opinions upon the applications and from the point of view of the applicants, that relief cases which came before the Public Assistance Committees should be discussed in public. Considerable time would be wasted if on every such occasion a resolution had to be moved and voted upon to exclude the Press.

Another great and serious innovation was that the Bill would give the Press the right of admission to Assessment Committees, at which delicate matters were discussed. If admission to Assessment Committee meetings was conceded, perhaps in the future the House would be asked to agree to the Press attending meetings of the Income Tax Commissioners when they were hearing appeals.

The Press had their remedy if the powers of exclusion which local authorities now possessed were misapplied. There seemed no good reason for the present Bill, against which he would go to a division if necessary.

Divided Views. Viscount Bertie of Thame thought the taxpayers should be grateful to Lord Asquith for having brought the measure forward. Many local authorities were real "quandaries" when they had the chance, and the admission of the Press tended to check this tendency.

Lord Banbury (C) did not think the admission of the Press to all meetings of Committees would lead to economy. "So far as I know," he added, "there are very few newspapers at the present moment with one exception perhaps—the one of which I am a shareholder—that are great economists." (Laughter).

He regretted that at the present moment there was little backbone in the country, and very few representatives of local authorities would have the moral courage to move a resolution for the exclusion of the Press from a meeting of his particular authority.

Viscount Novar also opposed the measure. He pointed out that so far as he knew there had been no single case of the Press being excluded from a meeting of a local authority since 1881, when he was first a Commissioner of Supply. He would not admit that the presence of the Press at meetings of local authorities tended towards economy, and he opposed the measure because he thought local authorities should be able to decide for themselves whether the Press should be admitted or not.

Rejected Without Division. The Earl of Malmesbury (C) thought that there was no real de-

ITALIAN POLICE MAKE ARRESTS.

INTELLECTUALS AND COMMUNISTS.

THREE GROUPS.

Rome, Dec. 3. Raids by the Italian police have resulted in arrests of members of three separate groups accused of anti-Fascist activities. The arrests total 24, including two women.

The first group is the do Bonis group, headed by Signora Lilian do Bonis, the 60-year-old American widow of the poet, Adolfo do Bonis, translator of Shelley, who maintained a literary salon where, it is alleged, anti-Fascists gathered. She was formerly Miss Bernon, of Boston.

The second was a group of 24 intellectuals, some of whom are prominent persons, who are accused of plotting against the State, and of preaching violence.

The third group consisted of Communists.

Printing Press Under Bed. The do Bonis group is accused of printing and issuing every fortnight an anti-Fascist publication entitled "National Alliance for Liberty." A printing press is said to have been found under a bed in Signora do Bonis's house, and it is stated that she did not deny the accusation, saying, "I am not a sheep and this is my work."

Signor Ranzo Rendi, Rome correspondent of a New York newspaper, is among the accused. Another is a translator of books in English, Signor Mario Vinciguerra. Signora do Bonis is now in hospital in the women's prison in Rome.—*British United Press.*

Reuter reports that Professor Rendi, who was recently arrested, has been released. No definite evidence was found against him. Moreover, the Professor has written a letter in which he recalls his early support of the Fascist movement, and states that he intends to devote himself in the future to work of an academic character.

PUT THEM TO WORK YOUNG.

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to-day? He may know what to do, but in the knowledge how to get it done he will be years behind his fellows.

As for the majority of public school men who have spent their time on the playing fields, they will certainly know how to lead, but will they know how to follow? Both types will learn, but they will learn relatively late in life by the most expensive of all methods, trial and error. We could not afford to employ this method even if it were the price of a cheap educational system.

When it is forced upon us as the necessary result of the most expensive educational system—in the world, it is time to overhaul that system instead of preparing to extend its patent disadvantages to the whole body of citizens.

It would be a serious thing if we were to admit the Press to discussions of private business, for there were many things done in local administration which should not be discussed in public. The admission of the Press to committee meetings would make it much more difficult for economies to be effected and it would interfere with free discussion.

It would also, perhaps, be a means for self-advertisement for those who were often the least useful members of the authorities concerned.

If they passed the Bill they could not be certain that only the highest class of reporters would be admitted to the meetings. Members of the House would know how reports in local papers often gave an erroneous impression of their speeches. He was particularly severe on what was known as "bolting down" speeches which he admitted required the greatest skill.

Lord Rayford (C), who also opposed the measure, said that County Councils transacted in about three hours what it would take the House of Commons three to six weeks to accomplish. The reason for this was that matters were previously thrashed out in Committee sitting in private.

Viscount Brentford (C) considered it undesirable that the Press should be admitted to meetings of Watch Committees. Quite obviously a policeman might be before a Watch Committee on a minor question of misconduct, and if the whole thing were reported, even though the man concerned might be judged not guilty, it would be undesirable from the point of view of the Force.

The Earl of Donoughmore (Chairman of Committees) mainly talked that unless strong evidence could be produced that the Act of 1908 had failed, he would be reluctant not to vote against the present Bill.

The second reading was eventually rejected without a division.



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Mr. A. C. Braine Hartnell, of the Hongkong University, has reported to the police the theft of a pump and three small spanners from his car, while it was left in Lyttelton Road, the night before last.

A chair-coolie employed by Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, at No. 350 The Peak, was fined \$5, or seven days, by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning, for the theft of a scaffolding pole from Peak Mansions.

A thief entered the ground floor of 12, Granville Road, the home of Mr. C. Whitehead, yesterday, and stole a woollen rug and blanket, valued altogether at \$42, from the bedroom. Entry is believed to have been made through the staircase door which was discovered open after the theft.

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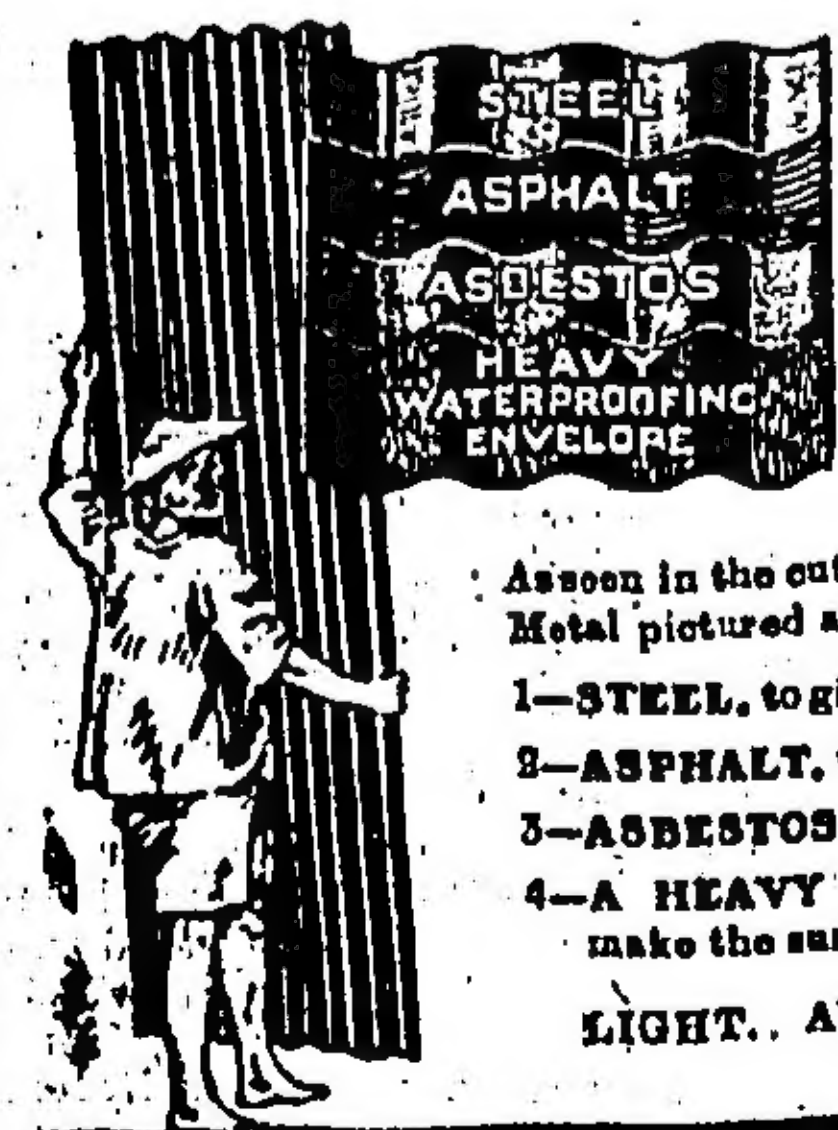
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SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

TARANTULA JUST WIN OVER S. S. C.

Shameen, Dec. 30.
A rather uninteresting game
was witnessed here yesterday be-
tween Shamoon Sports Club and
H.M.S. Tarantula when the fol-
lowing teams were lined up under Mr.
T. G. Stokes, of Hongkong:
Shameen S. C.—A. T. Lay; W.
Nogaitzik, E. Stirling, R. W.
Ashby, B. Brind, R. Rasmussen;
C. S. Archer, T. Seegalken, W.
Gibbons, K. Reimers, H. Geary-
Gardner.
H. M. S. Tarantula.—Bagshaw;
Porkins, Leeds; Evans, Webb,
Talbot; Lieutenant Cobb, Connon,
Tubb, Mannering, Allen.

Tarantula winning the toss de-
fended the western goal and with-
in three minutes of the kick-off
Mannering scored a lucky goal.
During the ensuing fifteen
minutes, "Tula" continued to
press, but finding Nogaitzik a
tower of strength they were
seldom able to get past the de-
fence. Shamoon now seemed to
get into their stride and for the
rest of the first half the exchanges
were fairly even.

For the whole of the second
half, Shamoon were never out of
the "Tula's" territory, but their
forwards were very weak in front
of goal, and while the "Tula's"
goalie saved again and again,
there was never a shot that was
really dangerous. The final
whistle came with the score one
goal to nil in favour of
Tarantula.

Shameen's left back was the
strength of the team, the half-
backs were good and worked hard,
but the forwards were scrappy
and had no idea of combination.
Tarantula's goalie did all that
was required, but the halves and
forwards lacked their usual dash
and combination. They were
lucky to take both points.

The present standing of the
League is as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Meorhen	7	4	1	2	12	9	9
Tarantula	5	3	1	1	8	7	7
Moth	5	3	1	1	12	9	7
Clenla	5	2	0	3	8	4	4
Shameen S. C.	8	1	2	5	12	18	4
Seamew	4	0	3	1	6	7	3

INVITATION DECLINED.

C. A. L. RUMJAHN NOT MAKING MANILA TRIP.

C. A. L. Rumjahn, the ex-champion
of Tientsin, at present residing in
the Colony, who received an invitation
sometime ago from the Philippine
Amateur Athletic Federation to
participate in the Philippine 1931
National Tennis Tournament in
Manila, from January 30 to February
16, has decided not to make the trip.
It is understood that one of his
reasons for not going is that there
are insufficient opportunities for prac-
tice owing to weather conditions in
Hongkong during this time of the
year. The trip would also involve an
absence of one month at least, with
the possibility of his being late for
the local championship, and, it is
understood, he prefers to compete in
the grass court tournament.

JOCK CRICHTON.



Jock Crichton, who is to defend
his title as welterweight cham-
pion of the Colony, against A. B.
Begbie, of H.M.S. Berwick, at the
City Hall on Saturday night.
There will thus be two cham-
pionship fights, as Lake and Dobson
are to have a return lightweight
bout.

CEREMONY AT THE HUNTERS ARMS.

PICTURE OF DR. F. PIERCE- GROVE UNVEILED.

A large number of members and
their friends gathered together at the
"Hunters Arms" at Fanling, on Box-
ing Day, to witness Mr. J. J. Paterson
unveil a picture in oils of the
late Dr. F. Pierce-Grove.

Amongst those present were Mr.
and Mrs. J. J. Paterson, Mr. and
Mrs. Brownrigg, Mr. and Mrs. Potts,
Mr. and Mrs. Hazeland, Mr. and Mrs.
Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Mr. and
Mrs. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Luck,
Hon. Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs.
Wolfe, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Hamilton,
Mrs. Hunt, Miss Betty Fair,
Miss Pamela Scott, Harston, Miss
Esmé Scott, Harston, Miss
Popham, Miss McKillop, Miss
Schroter, Miss Joy Lack, Mrs.
Bourne, Mrs. Duckworth, Miss Bruce-
Shppard, Colonel Maclean, Colonel
Thom, Major Hewson, Major Greary,
Captain Hoare, Captain Meuld,
Captain Gould, Commander Lambert,
Messrs. Johnston, Dowbiggin,
Bramwell, Keith-Murray, Oliver, Gra-
ham, Scott, Neilson, Corbett, David-
son, Gore, Stanton, Macgown, Ander-
son, Brayfield, Macnamara, Heald,
Ferguson, Wilson, Moxon, Todd,
Watson, Keadrew, Fawcett, Allison,
Wynne-Jones, G. Potts, P. Potts,
Reddy, Fehilly, Church, Reinshagen,
Dale, Woods.

Mr. Paterson said:—Ladies and
Gentlemen,—As you know we have
met this morning to witness the un-
veiling of a picture of the late Dr.
F. Pierce-Grove, who, with Mr. Toby
Birkett, was the founder of the
Fanling Hunt and later shared with
him the distinction of being first
Joint Masters of the Fanling Fox
Hounds. Owing to "Father's" ener-
getic and capable organisation, our
thanks are due to him for creating
the Fanling Hunt and Race Club,
which has grown to be the most
sporting institution in the Colony.
It has been said that "Father"
devoted his life to forming the hunt,
but I will go further by saying he
not only devoted his life but he gave
his life for the Fanling Hunt, as the
tragedy which eventually caused his
death was contracted during his
early endeavours on behalf of the
Hunt. I wish Pierce-Grove were
with us to-day. Perhaps he is hunt-
ing a fox in the "Fortunate Isles"
where I hope the scent is better than
it is in Hongkong. The painting is
a striking picture of "Father," and a
credit to the gentleman who painted it.

Mr. Paterson then unveiled the
picture, which all present declared
was a true likeness of the original.

FANLING HUNT.

LIST OF FORTHCOMING MEETS.

Hounds will meet as follows:
Sat. Jan. 3.—Hunters Arms.
Wed. Jan. 7.—Potts' Bungalow.
Sun. Jan. 11.—Lok Ma Chau cross-
roads.
Wed. Jan. 14.—Sheung Shui Police
Station.
Sat. Jan. 17.—Kennels.
Wed. Jan. 21.—Hunters Arms.
Sun. Jan. 25.—17 Pine Tree Hill,
25½/30 milestone.
Wed. Jan. 28.—Race Course.
Sat. Jan. 31.—Sun Wai Camp.
For the meets on January 11th. and
January 25th, those with cars that
have no chauffeurs would be well ad-
vised to hack to the Meet from the
Hunters Arms.

NAVY BEATEN BY ARMY.

SECOND INNINGS COLLAPSE YESTERDAY.

After their brilliant effort on the
previous day, the Navy put up a very
disappointing performance in their
second innings in the annual match
against the Army on the Hongkong
C.C. ground, losing by 87 runs after
having had a lead of 31 on the first
innings. The Army have this beaten
both Navy and the Hongkong C.C. in
the annual triangular tournament.
The game was continued yesterday
morning, a late start being made on
account of the funeral of the late
Rev. W. F. Crosthwait. The Army
players were given a good start but,
during the middle of their innings,
a couple of wickets fell cheaply.
They wiped off the deficit without loss
and at the close of the innings had
202 runs on the board. Musson was
again top scorer with one run less
than in the first innings.

After the fall of the first wicket,
the Navy team collapsed and wickets
fell with monotonous regularity until
Lyal and Baker were together for the
last wicket. The ninth wicket fell
with the score standing at 37 runs
but the tenth saw the addition of 47
runs before Lyal was given out leg-
before-wicket, by which route no less
than four batsmen received marching
orders. Williams and Fry were bowl-
ing well until towards the end when
they began to tire. The latter was
the more deadly of the two and was
always keeping on the wicket.

The scores were:
Army (1st Innings) 185
Navy (1st Innings) 210

Army.—2nd Innings.

Lieut. R. V. Dewar Durie, c	23
Baker, b Jowitt	25
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., Lyal	26
Lieut. J. Hardewood, c Lyal, b	24
Glass	20
Lieut. A. Musson, b Jowitt	30
Sig. J. Williams, c and b Jowitt	13
L/C. F. W. Fry, c Glass, b Jowitt	8
Pte. R. Salmon, st Barrett, b	21
Moseley	12
Capt. W. T. Davies, b Lyal	12
Major R. M. Alroy, st Barrett, b	4
Jowitt	17
Capt. R. G. Lochner, not out	12
Lieut. M. H. F. Waring, c Barrett,	4
b Baker	12
Extras	4
Total	202

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Jowitt	16	2	57	6
Lyal	16	2	62	2
Baker	9	2	29	1
Glass	6	1	25	1
Edwards	1	7	7	1
Moseley	7	1	19	1
Aylmer	1	1	9	0

Navy.—2nd Innings.

A. B. Nash, b Williams	4
Lieut. C. L. Glass, b Fry	13
Lieut. Com. Squance, lb.w., Fry	0
Mid. Jowitt, b Fry	2
Lieut. Com. Branton, c Fry, b	1
Williams	1
Sub. Lieut. F. W. G. Edwards,	1
c Waring, b Williams	1
Sub. Lieut. Moseley, lb.w., Fry	1
J. C. Lyal, lb.w., Musson	20
Com. E. A. Aylmer, b Fry	6
A. B. Baker, not out	31
Extras	5
Total	84

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Williams	13	3	38	4
Fry	12	2	40	5
Musson	5	1	1	1

BOXING

**CITY HALL
SATURDAY,
3rd January, 1931,
at 9.15 p.m.**

MAIN EVENTS

15 Rounds Contest for
Lightweight Championship of
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Holder,
H.M.S. BERWICK

and

A. B. DOBSON,
H.M.S. THRACIAN

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Heart Hungry

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AUTHOR OF "HEART HUNGRY"

CHAPTER LVII.

Only Evelyn Parsons' nervous hands betrayed her. She clutched at her handkerchief but not a muscle of her face moved nor did the pitch of her voice change as she faced Mitchell and replied:

"I didn't say it! Of course it's not true!"

"But Mrs. Parsons," Barney Shields cut in, "we were right here in this room. The night I came to dinner and Celia was away. Why—"

"You must remember, you told me she was going to marry Jordan. You were sitting in that very chair and I was here."

"You certainly must have misunderstood me. I couldn't possibly have said such a thing."

John Mitchell interrupted, "I'd like to hear more about this," he said. "Suppose you tell me the whole story."

For the first time Evelyn Parsons looked startled. She hung her head back. "But John—dearest! Surely you wouldn't doubt my word! I tell you it's not true. Why, I didn't even mention Jordan's name!"

The man and woman eyed each other. For the moment Shields was forgotten.

"There are several things I am beginning to doubt," Mitchell said slowly. "So you didn't even mention Jordan's name! Shields must have misunderstood me. Why didn't you tell me he'd been here to dinner? You assured me last night you'd never seen this young man."

He turned toward Barney. "When did you first meet Mrs. Parsons?"

"It was the day after I broke my arm. I came here to see Celia."

"And when was that?"

Like sparks from flint Evelyn's eyes flashed dangerously. "They're all lies!" she screamed before the youth could answer. "Least I won't be talked to this way!"

She grabbed up a tiny green glass figurine and sent it smashing across the room. Then pointing at Barney she cried, "Make him go!"

"Not until I've heard the last of this!" Mitchell insisted.

Fury completely overcame Evelyn's judgment. Tears of anger blinded her. The chair beside her crashed against the floor.

"Will you get out of here!" she screamed, stamping one foot and glaring at Shields. "Will you?"

The young man drew back, horrified. He glanced toward Mitchell.

"We'll both go," Mitchell said. "Come." The two men started toward the door. They had reached it before Evelyn Parsons had sufficient control of herself to realize what was happening. She rushed and sprung after them.

"John!" she moaned, "don't leave me!"

Her words were lost as John Mitchell pulled the door to behind him. He drew out a handkerchief, wiping his brow as they walked down the corridor. Neither of them spoke until they were in the downstairs entrance. Then the older man said:

"I want to talk to you, Shields. Come down to my home, will you?"

"I ought to drop in at the Apex office for a few minutes. After that I'll be glad to come. I haven't been working since my arm was cracked up but I promised to see Wagner this morning."

"Suppose we stop on the way? Is that all right?"

Shields agreed. When they were settled in Mitchell's car the lawyer leaned back and shaded his eyes with one hand. Barney respected his companion's silence and did not speak. He was surprised when Mitchell stepped out of the car before the Apex office.

"Don't mind if I come along with you, do you?" Mitchell asked.

"Not at all."

They entered the suite of rooms occupied by the photographic service and after a wait were admitted to the general manager's office. Mr. Wagner rose and shook hands cordially when Barney introduced Mitchell. Then for several moments the young man and his superior discussed a photographic assignment.

"How's the arm coming along?" Wagner asked after they had reached a decision.

"O. K. Doc says he'll take the splint off Saturday. I'll be on the job Monday all right. Say—do you think Tracy's around?"

"I saw him half an hour ago."

Shields turned apologetically toward Mitchell. "I hope you don't mind waiting just a minute longer," he said. "If I can get hold of Tracy right now I'll save myself an hour's wait."

"I can wait," Mitchell nodded. When the door closed after the young man John Mitchell leaned forward.

"What do you think of him?" he asked, nodding in the direction in which Shields had disappeared.

"What do I think, of Shields?" Wagner repeated in his crisp voice. "Well, sir, I'll tell you. I've been sitting at this desk for 20 years and not once in five of them has a

young fellow with the ability, keenness and general usefulness of Barney Shields walked into this room."

"You find him—trustworthy?"

The general manager of the Apex Picture Service surveyed John Mitchell through narrowed eyelids. He chewed on his cigar before answering.

"May I ask just why you're seeking this information?"

"Certainly. My own acquaintance with the young man is brief but I understand that my daughter—"

"Then congratulate the girl on her good taste," Wagner interrupted heartily. "She's a smart girl. You're not in the photographic business, are you? Good—for a moment I thought your interest might be professional. Yes, sir, Shields is a comer. That boy's going to make a place for himself!"

Wagner was still talking five minutes later when Barney appeared. Both of the older men looked embarrassed but Barney said:

"I found him! Shall we go now, Mr. Mitchell? I've finished."

Mitchell shook hands with Wagner. "I want to thank you," he said. "I'll remember what you've told me."

"Glad to have seen you. Hope you'll drop in again!"

As they stepped into the elevator Mitchell remarked to Shields: "I suppose I've never really appreciated the opportunities in this business of yours."

"Few people do. They see pictures in the newspapers and never bother to think how they got there. If you'd hear some of the things Wagner can tell you'd know picturing the news is going to be a bigger thing all the time."

When they reached the car Mitchell told the driver to take them to the Gramercy Square house. On the way he asked Barney about his acquaintance with Mrs. Parsons.

"The young man flushed. 'I didn't mean to start a row like that!' he said. 'What was it all about?'"

"I can tell you about that later," Mitchell said quietly, "but I do want to know when you and Mrs. Parsons first met. It may have considerable bearing on the problem of locating Celia."

"Really? Well—the first time I ever saw her was the day after I broke my arm. Celia telephoned and asked me to come around."

"When I got to the apartment Mrs. Parsons was there and after we'd talked a while she drove me to the doctor's in her car."

"Do you remember the date?"

"Oh, I'm not much good at remembering dates but I know it was the day after Celia and I met in the park."

"You say the day after?"

Barney nodded. "Yes, and it was a couple of days later that I telephoned Celia and Mrs. Parsons told me she was out of town. She said she was lonely and asked me to come to dinner. Say—the way she looked that night I never dreamed she could raise the roof as she did this morning! That was the time she told me Celia was engaged to marry Jordan. It sort of got me even though I didn't know anything about Jordan."

"Celia telephoned next day and—well, you see I thought everything was over and it would be better if we didn't see each other. We had an argument and when we happened to meet in the hotel that afternoon we argued again. If Celia isn't going to marry Jordan what did Mrs. Parsons want to tell me she was for?"

Mitchell had been listening closely. "I wish I knew, my boy," he said. "I wish I knew!"

A sudden stop made Mitchell look outside. They had reached the house. Mitchell led the way to the library. He closed the door behind them and said: "Now then let's go over this whole thing!"

He sat down at his desk, eyeing the young man. "Look here," he demanded, "have you had anything to eat this morning?"

"I really didn't think about it, but I'm not hungry," Barney began.

Mitchell rang a bell. The butler answered the summons.

"Bring a tray with coffee and toast and eggs," Mitchell ordered, "as soon as you can have it ready."

"Yes, sir. I'll bring it at once." The butler departed.

At four o'clock the following afternoon slanting rays of sunshine were making patterns of light and shadow on the lawn surrounding Lisl Duncan's Long Island home. No one was playing tennis but a girl in a brief, blue frock sat on a bench at the side of the courts.

The girl did not move. She sat with one foot tucked under her, both hands clasped on one knee.



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WELTERWEIGHT BELT.

BEGGIE TO MEET CRICHTON ON SATURDAY.

Jack Crichton, the Colony's welterweight and middleweight champion, will defend the former title against A. B. Beggie, of H.M.S. Berwick, at the City Hall on Saturday night. This will make two championship fights on that night, as Stoker Percy Lake and A. B. Beggie are down for a return bout to decide the lightweight belt.

The Crichton-Beggie encounter will be a 15 two-minute rounds. Beggie, a brawny 143 lbs. and his last appearance was on December 5 when he was outpointed by "Stimie" Morris after a hard fight.

Crichton is to defend his middleweight title against Jack Shepherd some time in February.

BRADMAN CENSURED.

£50 DEDUCTED FROM GOOD CONDUCT MONEY.

Melbourne, Dec. 30. The Australian Board of Control has found Bradman guilty of a breach of agreement by writing newspaper articles during his tour in England. The Board has censured him, and retained £50 from the £150 "good conduct" money which was to be paid after the team's return, in addition to a bonus of £500.

All the other Test players have already received their good conduct money, but Bradman's was withheld pending a meeting of the Board, which was held last night.—*Reuter*.

From the distance came a low whistle. The girl jumped up and hurried to meet the young man approaching from the house.

"I didn't expect you so soon, Tod," she said.

Jordan slipped an arm around her. "Thought you might like a little drive. How about it?"

The girl nodded. "I would."

They turned and walked to the drive at the side of the house. Jordan's black roadster was parked there. The girl was stepping into the car when she paused.

"I ought to tell Lisl," she began but Jordan stopped her.

"No need. We'll be back in no time."

The girl sat down. Jordan took the wheel and they left the drive for the main highway. The car's speed increased.

Suddenly Jordan spoke: "This time, Celia," he said, "you're going to marry me whether you want to or not!"

(To be continued.)

OLD LADY ROBBED BY TRICK.

TWO FORTUNE TELLERS CHARGED.

How two men, posing as fortune tellers and healers of all kinds of sickness by charms and prayers, obtained a large sum of money from a superstitious old woman was the story related at the Kowloon Magistrate's court, before Mr. Eatters yesterday afternoon, when two Chinese, Young Chi-chu and Li Fung-leung, were charged with Detective Sergeant Fitches with having obtained \$3,500 from a widow, Choi Ngan, by means of a trick, in September, 1928.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared for the second defendant and tendered a plea of "not guilty."

The story for the prosecution was that in September, 1928, the complainant's son fell ill and that all manner of remedies and medicines tried by his mother failed to cure him. On the recommendation of a friend of hers, who said that the first defendant could effect cures by means of prayers to the Gods and charms, the complainant visited the first defendant and told him all her troubles. When she entered the first defendant's house she noticed signs boards inside as well as outside advertising the fact that the defendant was a healer of sickness by means of charms and holy water, and that he was also a fortune teller. Quite impressed by what she saw the woman confided in the first defendant, who said he would undertake to cure her son on the payment of an initial fee of twenty cents for prayers. The complainant, of course, willingly paid the sum demanded. This went on from day to day, the defendant offering prayers and collecting fees from twenty cents to \$2.80.

The Message.

On several occasions when she visited the house, she saw both defendants, who gave her charms, some to be eaten and some to be burnt. The second defendant claimed to be the teacher of the first defendant, and also demanded to be paid for the prayers and charms. All this went on from September 13, 1928, when the second defendant showed her a letter, which he said was a message from the Gods written through him, giving all her previous life history. The complainant was very much impressed by what the message said, as it referred to the sins she had committed in her past life, and how a friend of hers had died owing to a wrong which she had done him, all of which she thought was true. The message also added that

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owing to that wrong, she had been cursed, and that misfortune would be her's for thirty-one years after the death of that friend. The second defendant said that the spirits demanded money for the message, and claimed \$80 from her, which sum she paid.

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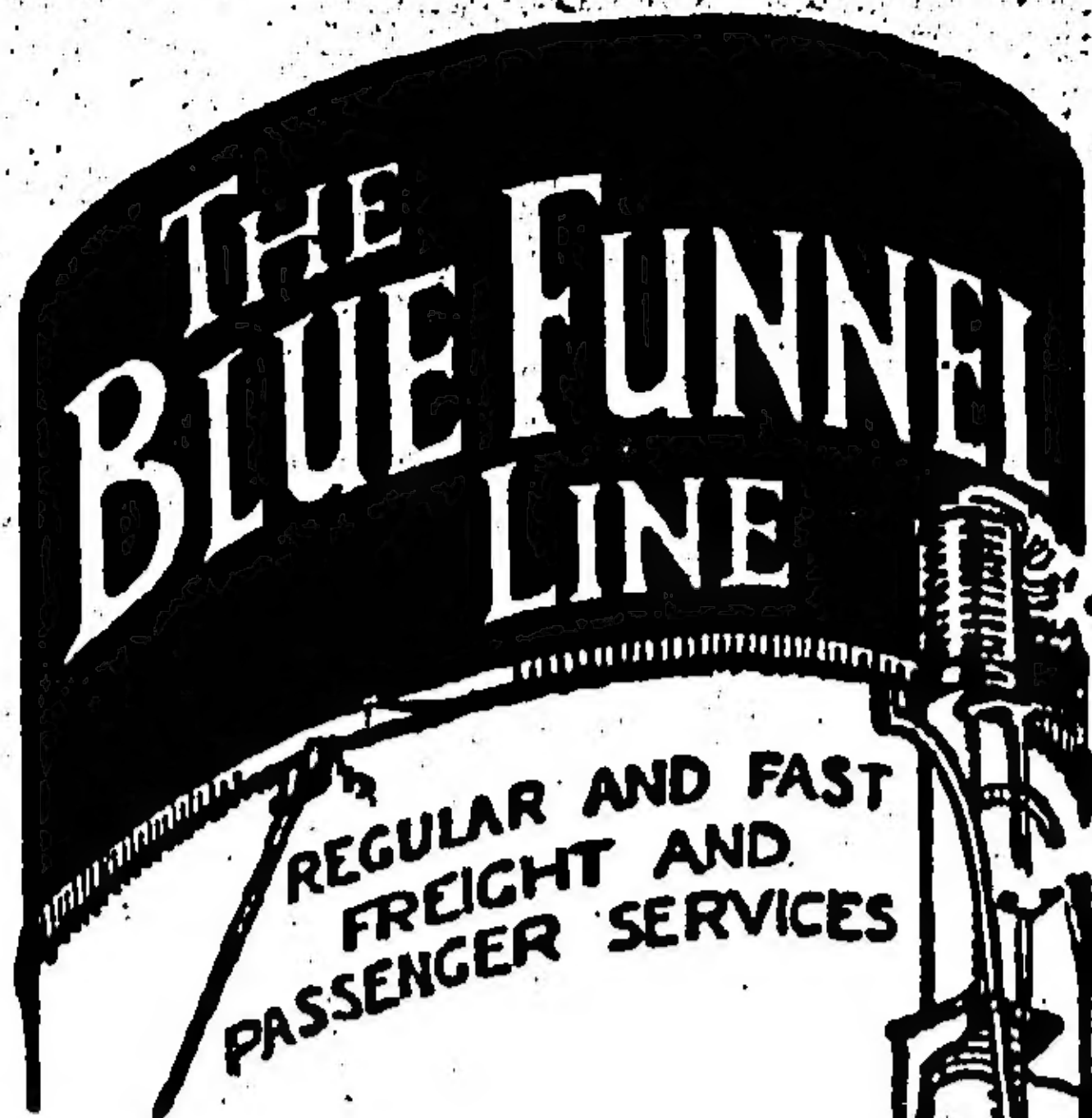
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ROTARY CLUB MEETING.

REV. E. G. POWELL ON AIMS OF MOVEMENT.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

The growth of the Rotary Club movement, together with its aims and objects, formed the subject of an address delivered by the Rev. E. G. Powell at the first meeting of the recently formed Rotary Club of Hongkong, which was held at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant yesterday at 7.15 p.m. In accordance with the method adopted by such Clubs, the members met at 7.15 and such meetings will be held regularly in the future. Mr. W. W. Hornell presided over a large gathering.

The joint Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, announced that two telegrams of congratulation and best wishes had been received from Headquarters, Rotary International, Chicago, and from Malacca, after which the Chairman announced that there were three visitors, Mr. H. Hutcheon, and Mr. L. L. Lawler, both of Singapore, and Mon. Rene Legrand, of Charleroi, Belgium, and called upon them for a short speech.

Mon. Legrand thanked them for the hearty welcome they had extended to him and assured them of a welcome if any of them ever went to Belgium.

Mr. Hutcheon, after wishing the Hongkong Club every success, spoke of the manner in which the movement had grown in such places as Malaya, Malacca, Ipoh, Penang, Java and Batavia. Referring to the Singapore Club, he said they started with 78 chartered members which had increased to over 100 in a little over six months, with 18 different nationalities. He continued that prior to the commencement of the Hongkong Club, the Singapore Club had over 120 chartered members, they now came second, and Singapore had to take third place, a fact that Hongkong should be very proud of. Singapore, however, was not jealous, but wished Hongkong every success in the future. (Applause).

Rev. Mr. Powell's Address.

Mr. Powell commenced his address by conveying to the Hongkong Club greetings of the Rotary Club at Bath, Somerset, England, saying that the fellowship of that Club was one of the things he prized most.

Dealing with the Rotary movement he said:—The Rotary movement was started in Chicago on February 23, 1905 by Mr. Paul Harris. Mr. Harris suggested the idea to three friends and together they formed the first Rotary Club. They held their weekly meetings in rotation at the places of business of the members and, consequently upon this rotation, they adopted the name Rotary.

The Rotary Club idea quickly spread in America and by 1910, 16 Clubs had been organized with, approximately, 1,800 members. In 1911 a Club was formed in Dublin, Ireland, and a Club was established in Winnipeg, Canada, in 1921, and a cable application for affiliation was received from the Rotary Club of London in the same year. To meet this extension of Rotary to other nations, the International Association of Rotary Clubs came into existence and this name was shortened in 1922 to

Rotary International, as we know it to-day.

The Rotary movement has spread from that small beginning to 70 nations, Hongkong being the 70th, and it is still spreading, thanks to people like Rotarian W. Davidson. (Applause).

Motto of Emblem.

The motto of Rotary is "He profits most who serves best," the word "profit" meaning gain in character, happiness and satisfaction, which the one who serves experiences as he develops into a more useful member of society. The motto has now been abbreviated to "Service above Self."

The emblem of Rotary is a wheel, with hub, spokes and cogs, the hub representing the Club, the spokes representing the influences radiating from the Club, and the cogs representing the individual members of the Club. As the wheel is the faithful servant of industry, so should Rotary be a faithful servant of humanity, and as every cog is necessary to the proper performance of the wheel, so is the co-operation of every member essential for the effective working of the Club. The emblem of the cog and wheel is a symbol of the co-operative service which is characteristic of Rotarians.

Six Ideals.

The Rotary ideals are six in number. The Rotary movement strives to encourage the ideal of service as the basis of all worthy enterprise, and to foster high ethical standards in every business and profession; to apply the ideal of service, not only to personal work but also to the community, to the nation and to the whole world. A Rotary Club is composed of selected business and professional men, each of whom in his own way, and according to his own thoughts, methods and conditions, applies in practice the ideal of service in and through all his work and ways. In other words, Rotary is an attitude of life based upon the recognition of our mutual inter-dependence and inter-relationships. We are in this world to serve the common good and there is, becoming less and less room in world life for the person who has no concern other than for himself. Selfishness will kill anything from man's sport even to man's soul, and that way of life and conduct in business and in all world enterprise simply will not do, and to our cost we know it. Think of 1914 to 1918!

Service Above Self.

The Rotarian will seek to put service above self in all his undertakings in the working world. He will aspire to do his business whatever it may be, with the idea not merely to profit himself but in the ultimate degree to serve others. How to apply that ideal to his own calling is the privilege and the pleasure of individual Rotarians.

That is essentially a personal quest, and it is a quest surely quite as thrilling and adventurous in its own way as any quest of discovery.

The individual Rotarian, who sets to work in that spirit, is helping to create a new and better business world, a business world in which no worker or customer will be degraded, where no work will be degrading, but wherein every enterprise will be uplifting and every transaction will be uplifting. Normally, people spend about two thirds of their waking life in their work, and the quality of the work done and the transactions made, react upon the character of the customer, the employer and the employed. So the Rotarian is not only helping to

create a new world, but also a new and better type of people.

We have said that the Rotarian is selected as a suitable man to represent his craft in the Club, and it is hoped that the Club shall thus have, through its members, a direct and responsible avenue of approach to all those engaged in the various businesses and professions in the whole community.

Attendance at Meetings.

Every Rotarian is expected to be faithful and regular in his attendance at the weekly Club meetings which are usually held at luncheon time. There is, of course, the danger of a Rotary Club degenerating into a luncheon Club and that danger should be most resolutely avoided. Attendance at the weekly luncheon is stressed because of the opportunity it gives for mutual acquaintance, good fellowship and friendship, and also for the help and inspiration it yields to pursue the Rotary ideals. The regular meeting together of men who are devoted to a common ideal should be an inspiration to pursue that ideal and consequently to enhance the Rotarian for his great task. That aspect of the weekly meetings should always be carefully stressed and this can be helped by the practice of the weekly talk. The weekly luncheon is an opportunity for fellowship—it strengthens the Club as a unit, and tends to make the Club more serviceable because of the team spirit it engenders.

Service Required.

Every Rotarian is usually called upon to serve the Club on some committee, of which committees there are many. There is the Catering Committee—of some importance—Hospitality or Fellowship Committee (there are no strangers in Rotary), the Speakers' Committee, the Sports Committee, the Publicity Committee, and others, all of which may be branches of what is known as the Club Service Committee. The activities of the Club in the community are directed by a Community Service Committee, and for work in the wider spheres there is the Inter-Club Service Committee and the International Service Committee. Activities within the Club should provide every member with plenty of scope for service there, but the activities of the Rotarian will not be confined to his own calling and Club. He will have the keenest concern for the welfare of the community. Rotarians do not go around the community looking for trouble. Their concern is to help forward the true well-being of the whole community. The community service that Rotary can render is determined by the needs of the particular community, and here, in Hongkong, the service Rotary can give may be very different from anything that has been attempted elsewhere. It is not the function of Rotary to take over community problems. Those things can be best administered by other agencies. It is the function of Rotary, (Continued on Page 11.)

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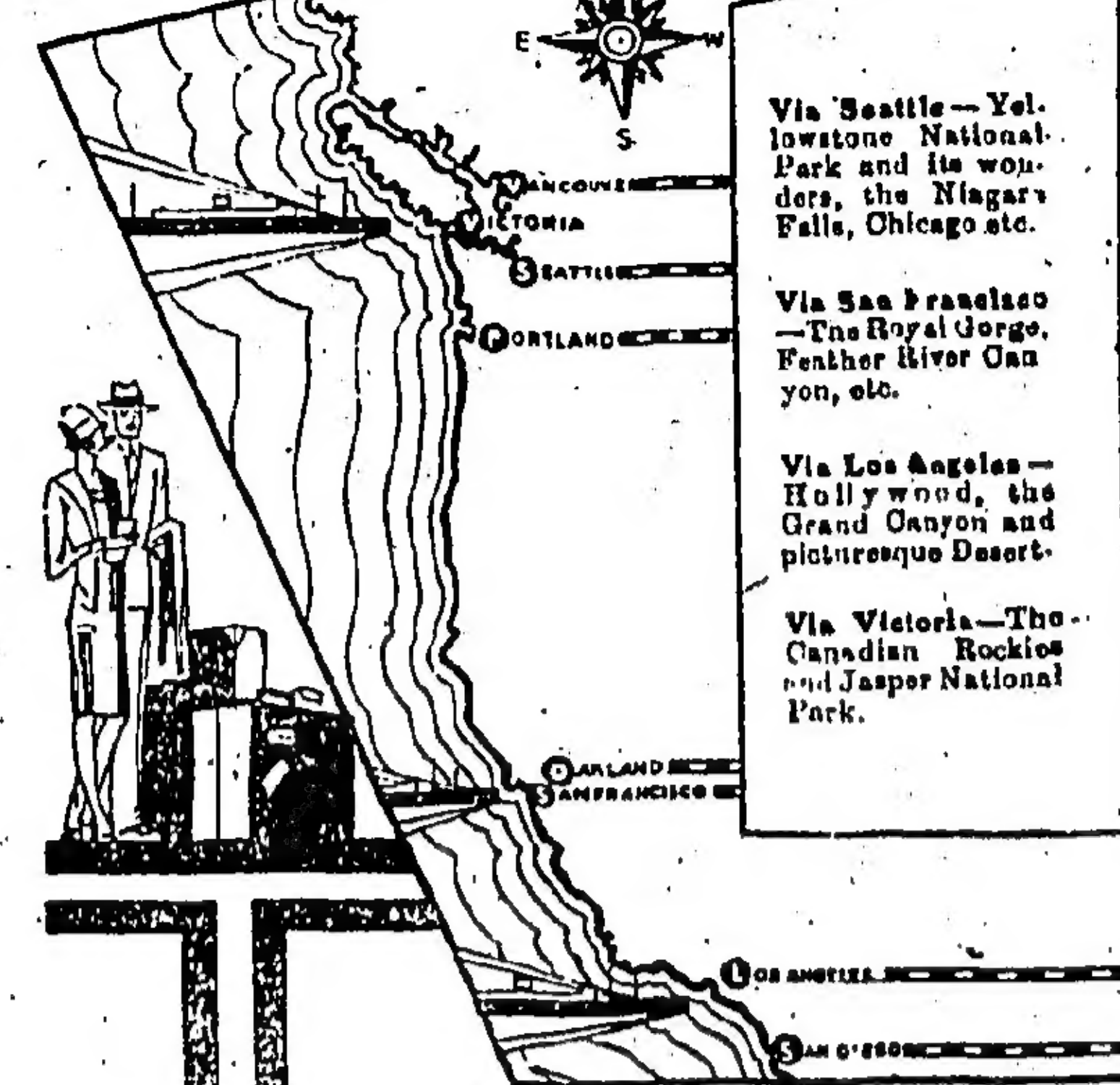
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Let me illustrate this: In our draft Bill we ask that no juvenile offender under 14 years old should be subjected to the harmful influence of imprisonment, but we ask that the Courts should have power to fine parents when satisfied that parental neglect or indifference has led to the commis-

sion of the offence. And so we shall ask, also, that where a child is sent to an Industrial or Reformatory School, the parent, if able to do so, should be ordered to contribute towards the child's support. In all matters the interests of the child will come first in our thoughts.

I now formally second the President's resolution for the adoption of the report and balance sheet, and I need add nothing to what has already been said.

Formal Business.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted and on the proposition of the Hon. Mr. Kotewall, Sir William, and Lady Peel were re-elected Patrons of the Society.

The President, Vice-President, the General and Executive Committee were all re-elected, with the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson and Mr. V. M. Grayburn in place of the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mr. B. D. F. Belth on the General Committee, and with the addition of Messrs. Lee Yau-chung and Fung Ping-shan to the Executive Committee.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg was appointed Secretary with Mr. T. N. Chau, and Sir Cecil Clementi was elected an Hon. Vice-President of the Society.

The meeting closed with the acceptance of several amendments to the present Constitution of the Society, which were proposed by Mr. Hazlerigg, and seconded by Mr. M. K. Lo, and a vote of thanks to the President for his work during the year.

ROTARY CLUB MEETING.

(Continued from Page 10.)

however, to bring all its members to a full realization of their community responsibilities and, where some community need is unmet, then Rotary can get busy.

Co-operation.

Rotary activities should not compete with or overlap those of any existing organization. It is better for Rotary to improve any existing organization than to create a new one. Where Rotary undertakes to initiate, it should endeavour to secure the co-operation of other agencies that ought to be interested, and Rotary should avoid seeking credit for itself. That does not restrict the activity of Rotary but tends rather to safeguard it.

Boys' work provides ample opportunity for Rotarians and there is nothing better any Rotary Club can do than to spread the spirit of Rotary in the youth of to-day, since that helps to ensure a finer state of things in the life of to-morrow. Regarding Inter-Club service, this may be difficult in Hongkong at present. The nearest Clubs are too far distant for much inter-Club contact, yet a good deal may be done through correspondence and, perhaps, through the interchange of speakers, and in other ways of which, at the moment, it might be unwise to prophesy. The coming of visitors from other Clubs is a great feature of inter-Club life and here Hongkong should be much to the fore. Such visits stimulate fellowship, stronger sympathy, clearer understanding and real goodwill, which is a very definite object of Rotary, and is set forth as its sixth object, which is "The advancement of understanding, goodwill and international peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the Rotary ideal of service."

Supporter of Peace.

The Rotary sixth object, with-out in any way neglecting its other aims, should hold pride of place, and this Club appears to have unique opportunity of developing international understanding, friendship and goodwill, and so its service in the cause of world peace ought to be outstanding. The Rotary movement is officially supporting the objects of the League of Nations and its support is of some significance. Once a considerable proportion of the population of every country is united to serve the common ideal of service above self and in all the walks of life, then, provided that proportion consists of men fully representative of the trades and professions of every country, surely the problem of universal peace must be nearer solution.

The conquest of time and space by increased rapidity of communication creates new social and international demands, which, in spite of ourselves, bind us all together into one great unity, from which there can be no escape, and the sooner we learn to recognize our world inter-relationship and inter-dependence and strive to foster a world fellowship, the better it will be for all world life. Our world relationships demand that we be unselfish and seek the

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OWNS INSTRUMENT WORTH \$35,000.

Among the recent arrivals in the Colony is Mr. Robert F. Neighbour, a noted violinist of Chicago, pupil of Professor Leopold Auer, Albert Greene, and many other famous men in the musical world.

Mr. Neighbour is the owner of a wonderful violin that was at one time in the orchestra of the Queen's Own before it was presented to its present owner. It is valued at \$35,000 and is an instrument of marvellous mellow tone. It was made by Amati in 1685. He also owns a viola d'amour, a rare instrument with 14 strings, seven of which are of sympathetic vibration. It was made by the noted musical instrument maker Ederle. Both of these instruments he obtained from Mr. Henry Ford, the motor car manufacturer, who had purchased them for his museum.

Mr. Neighbour spends the greater part of his time travelling about the world and playing for schools and societies of all kinds, and has frequently entertained gatherings of Rotarians. He specialises in religious music.

Mr. Neighbour is tall, slight and dark with the stamp of an artistic temperament. He has the famous violin with him on his present trip but not the viola d'amour, but has just come from an extended visit to Japan, travelling all over the country and playing to big audiences.

OBITUARY.

OLD SERVANT OF HONGKONG GOVERNMENT.

The death occurred early yesterday morning at the Government Civil Hospital of a well-known servant of the Hongkong Government, Mr. James H. Woodier, Custodian of the Happy Valley recreation ground.

Mr. Woodier, who was 68 years of age, became ill with pneumonia, and tuberculosis contributed towards his death. He came to Hongkong thirty years ago with the Welch Regiment and left the regiment here to join the Naval Yard Police. From there he went to the Army Ordnance Department and subsequently in 1928 secured a post with the Public Works Department as Custodian at Happy Valley.

The funeral was held yesterday at Happy Valley, Rev. G. T. Waldergrave conducting the service. Among those who attended were Messrs. C. Frith, G. Coysh, S. R. Jones, T. Holt and other members of the P. W. D. Staff and old friends.

Mr. Woodier lost his wife three years ago, and now leaves a large family of three boys and two girls. One son is employed in the Post Office, but the rest are still children, whose circumstances are more than usually distressed.

common good, or life in this world will become increasingly impossible. Then, what is Rotary? Rotary is a movement that seeks to pursue the ideal of service above self in all the ways of life, and so help to secure a better and nobler present and future for all mankind. (Applause.)

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 28th December, 1930.

BANDIT OUTRAGE.

HORRORS OF DERAILMENT IN SOUTH MANCHURIA.

Shanghai, Dec. 30. Eighty persons were killed and 40 injured on Saturday in the derailment of a train on a branch of the Peking-Mukden Railway, in south-west Manchuria, due to removal of the fishplates by bandits.

The bursting of the locomotive boiler started a fire, which, fed by gasoline and matches carried in one of the cars, totally destroyed several coaches and burned to death many of the passengers.

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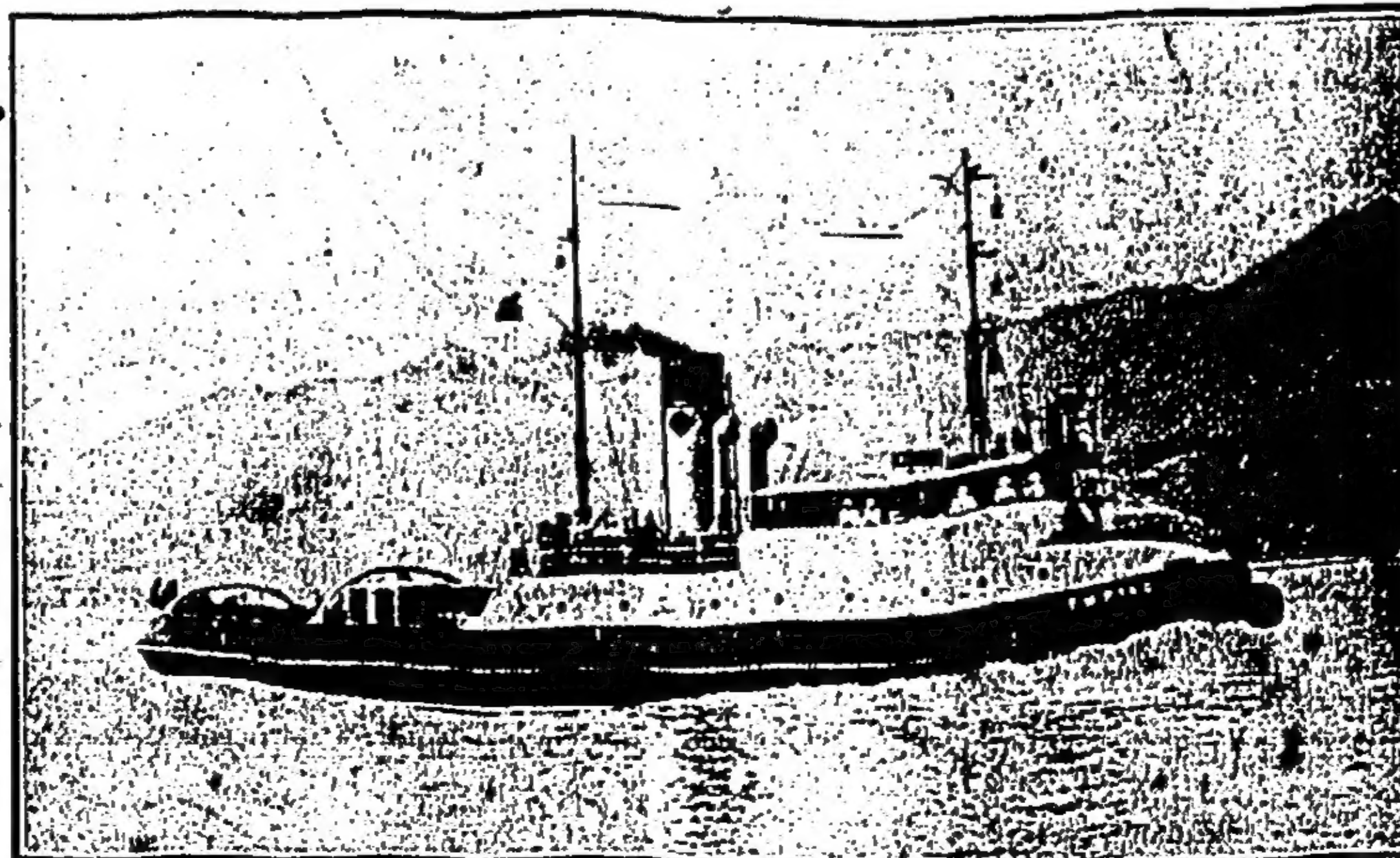
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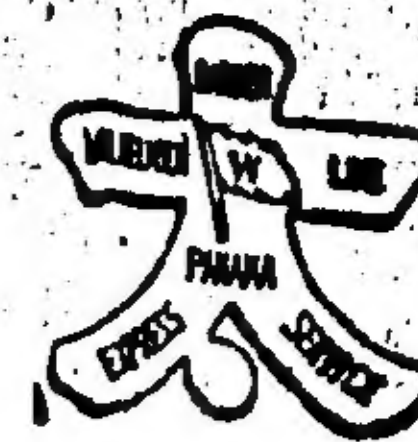
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MALWA	10,980	31st Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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FUNERAL OF LORD MELCHETT.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT
FAMILY MAUSOLEUM.

SON READS PRAYERS.

London, Dec. 30.
Every department of public
life was represented at the funeral
of Lord Melchett, at St. Pancras
cemetery, Finchley.

Leaders of industry, ex-
Ministers, diplomats, Indian
Princes and representatives of
foreign Courts and the organised
workers of Britain, were among
the great concourse at the grave-
side.

Several Government Depart-
ments, also Mr. Lloyd George,
were represented at the funeral,
which was carried out according
to Jewish rites in an improvised
Synagogue erected in front of the
family mausoleum, set amid tall
pine trees. Here the coffin, in
which Lord Melchett's head rested
on a piece of Palestine soil, lay
while the Minister of the West
London (Reform) Synagogue rec-
ited age-old Hebrew prayers.

At the conclusion of the pray-
ers, the coffin was placed in the
tomb, which rests on a pedestal of
violet marble.

The Hon. Henry Mond, the new
Baron, recited the mourners' pray-
ers, and finally came the ancient
Kaddish, to which the mourners
uttered responses.

The Zionist Executive has receiv-
ed messages of sympathy from
countries as distant as Colombia and
China.—*Reuter.*

TWO LADS BITTEN BY DOGS.

BOTH SONS OF ARGYLL
SERGEANTS.

Two cases of British boys being
bitten by dogs have come to the
notice of the police.

In the first case, it is reported
that Mickie Davy, the son of
Sergeant Davy, of the Argyll and
Sutherland Highlanders, was
bitten by a brown chow owned by
Sergeant Williams, of the
H.K. S. R.A., at Jordan Road,
yesterday.

The other victim was Jack
Hutchinson, the son of Sergeant
Hutchinson, of the Argyll and
Sutherland Highlanders, who was
attacked and bitten by a black
chow, the property of Sergeant
Gardiner, of the same Regiment.

Both cases were treated at the
Kowloon Military Hospital, the
animals being later seized and
placed under observation.

MAJOR FRANCO AGAIN APPEARS.

ARRIVES IN ANTWERP FROM
PORTUGAL.

Brussels, Dec. 30.
Major Franco, who headed the re-
volving army in the recent re-
bellion in Spain, has arrived by
steamer at Antwerp from Portugal.
He was accompanied by his me-
chanic, Sada, with whom he flew to
Portugal after the failure of the re-
bellion.

The secret police interviewed the
conspirators aboard the ship and
warned them to refrain from polit-
ical activities. Both have now left
for Brussels.

Major Franco said he only intend-
ed to stay in Brussels a short time,
until he had obtained an engage-
ment as an airman in South
America.—*Reuter.*

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.

The following cabled quotations
at the close of the sugar markets
yesterday have been received by
Messrs. Pentreath and Co.:

London Terminals.
March 1931 5/3 3/4 no change.
May 1931 5/6 1/4 up 1/4 d.
August 1931 5/8 3/4 down 1/4 d.
December 1931 6/1 1/4 down 1/4 d.

New York Terminals.
March 1931 1.21 up 6 pts.
May 1931 1.30 up 7 pts.
July 1931 1.39 up 9 pts.
September 1931 1.47 up 9 pts.
December 1931 1.53 up 13 pts.
Market opened easier, closed firm.
Trying to ascertain reason for ad-
vance.
Java Market unchanged.

The fatal mishap on Christmas
Day, when Sergeant J. J. Post lost
his life in Lower Albert Road,
near the Bishop's House, is to be
fully investigated at a Coroner's
inquest which is due to commence
before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the
Central Police Court this after-
noon.

INDIAN FRANCHISE COMMISSION.

TO STUDY SUBJECT IN
THE COUNTRY.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
ROUND TABLE PARLEY.

POSITION OF WOMEN.

London, Dec. 30.
Many aspects of the franchise
question were discussed to-day
by the Franchise Sub-committee
of the Indian Round Table Con-
ference.

The purpose of this Sub-com-
mittee is to recommend to the full
conference the terms of reference,
with recommendations, then
possible, for an expert Franchise
Commission, which is to study the
subject in India.

During the discussion the view
found general favour that the
Franchise Commission might con-
sider the introduction of an
educational qualification of a
satisfactory standard, provided
this could be done without con-
flicting with the recommendation
that extension of the franchise
should be distributed, as far as
possible, equally among the
different communities.

Soldiers and Women.
It is also agreed that the Com-
mission might be asked to decide
whether a military service quali-
fication should not be extended to
include service in the military
and territorial forces in India.

The question of the women's
franchise was also discus-
ed at some length and the
women delegates asked
that the recommendation on this
subject made in the Statutory
Commission's report should be
given effect to, except that they
desired the qualifying age to be
twenty-one, instead of twenty-five
years.

Wide Disparity.
The Sub-committee generally
expressed dissatisfaction that the
number of women voters was so
small compared with the number
of male voters and thought the
Franchise Commission should
examine methods whereby the
numbers might be made to ap-
proximate more closely, and that
in so doing, they should take into
account, together with any other
evidence, the proposals of the
Statutory Commission.

It was also thought the Commis-
sion might examine the disparity
which it has suggested existed in
certain provinces, between the Ur-
ban and Rural Franchise.

In regard to the extension of the
franchise, it was felt that the mat-
ter was one in which the provin-
cial legislatures might exercise
their discretion as to what exten-
sion should take place after a
period of years, not less than ten.

N.W. Frontier.
A meeting of the North West
Frontier Province Sub-Committee
under the chairmanship of Mr.
Arthur Henderson heard a state-
ment by Sir Denis Bray, of the
Indian Council, based upon his
personal and administrative ex-
perience of the Frontier Province.

With a view to focussing the dis-
cussion, the Chairman, at the re-
quest of the Sub-committee, un-
dertook to prepare a report which
will be submitted at its next meet-
ing on Thursday.

The Prime Minister will to-
morrow morning preside over a
meeting of the Minorities Com-
mittee.—*British Wireless.*

CENTRAL THEATRE SUMMONED.

EXIT DOORS SAID TO
BE BOLTED.

The management of the Central
Theatre were summoned by As-
sisting Sub-Inspector A. V. Baker,
before Mr. Lindsell at the Central
Police Court this morning, for
having two exit doors from the
stalls bolted during a per-
formance.

The police officer said the two
doors were recognised exits from
the ground floor of the theatre.
They were bolted by two 18-inch
bolts, which had been driven
home instead of the usual push
bar.

Mr. Chung Chee-lung, who
appeared for the management of
the Theatre, claimed that the two
doors mentioned led from the
stalls to the lavatory and were not
the recognised exits discharging
the audience from the theatre.
He said there were three other
doors which gave exit from the
stalls and which had the usual
signs, but the doors mentioned by
the police officer did not bear the
exit signs.

His Worship adjourned the
summons for a week, and in-
timated that he would inspect the
premises.

The P. and O. S. "Ranchi," from
Shanghai, is due here at 7 a.m. on
Friday.

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which are 295 feet over-all in
length, 48 feet extreme beam over
fender, and 21 feet depth to upper
deck, has been specially designed
to meet the China Navigation
Company's requirements for ser-
vice between Shanghai and
Ichang. She has a straight stem
and rounded stern, twin balanced
rudders, and one steel mast, two
continuous decks, viz.—main and
upper, with a boat deck above the
after part of the upper deck, and
a roof deck over the boat deck.
Forward of the mast is a bridge
deck, upper bridge deck and nav-
igating bridge deck.

Two cargo holds forward also a
compartment adaptable for carry-
ing either oil in bulk or general
cargo, one cargo hold is fitted aft.
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lifts and one for 30 tons lifts have
been arranged. Accommodation
is arranged for 42 saloon passen-
gers in two berth rooms, 36 first
class passengers in 4 berth rooms
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are all electric driven, and include
ballast pump, cargo oil pump,
bilge, sanitary and general ser-
vice, and fresh water pumps, also
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electric driven steering engine,
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and two electric winches; three
sets of 42 1/2 kilowatt "Elat"
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pated on a light draft of about
7 feet and over 11 1/2 knots loaded.

RAILWAY STOCKS JUMP UP.

U.S. EASTERN LINES AGREE
ON UNIFICATION.

New York, Dec. 30.

One of the most vigorous ad-
vances in railway shares has oc-
curred on the Stock Exchange fol-
lowing the announcement that the
head of the main eastern lines have
finally agreed on a unification plan
after a controversy which has last-
ed ten years.—*Reuter's American
Service.*

CHINA'S MINISTER TO FRANCE.

SHANGHAI BANKER GETS
APPOINTMENT.

Nanking, Dec. 30.
Mr. Chien Yung-ming, a pro-
minent Shanghai banker, has been
appointed Minister to France in
succession to Mr. Kao Lu, who is
returning to Nanking to take up
the post of Minister of Education.
—*Reuter.*

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR
TO-MORROW.

9.20 T. Low & N. K. Littlejohn.
9.24 J. E. Richardson & J. Forbes.
9.28 W. A. Cornell & W. A. Butter-
field.
9.32 A. O. Brawn & W. R. Vallance.
9.36 A. Leach & W. O. Shields.
9.40 K. K. Rounds & C. M. Roberts.
9.44 A. H. Penn & J. R. Collins.
9.48 J. H. Hinton & V. R. Gordon.
9.52 I. H. Gane & Comdr. Priestley.
9.56 A. D. Humphreys & W. Clark.
10.00 H. T. Buxton & D. E. Ellis.
10.04 A. Ritchie & W. S. Robb.
10.08 E. P. Fletcher & E. D. Mat-
thews.

Tsang Pui was charged, before
Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy this morning, with having
kidnapped a male child, Sham
Kum-shun (6), in Tai Nam Street
on November 17. Sergeant Good-
win asked for a remand in order
to make inquiries as to the where-
abouts of the child. The case
was adjourned until Saturday.

AMUSEMENTS OF HONGKONG.

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At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20

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